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Funds designated for sports complex

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Fairgrounds property has a new name and a fund earmarked to spend on creating opportunities for youth.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners recently voted to rename the fairgrounds the Crawford County Sports Complex.

In addition, the board voted to establish a \$50,000 fund for improvements to the grounds.

The funds come from Crawford County's share of a Court Retiree Health Care Reimbursement. When the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that counties in the 46th Circuit Trial Court were not obligated to fund pension and retiree health care for court employees, money previously paid for the benefits was returned to the funding units. The 46th Circuit Trial Court covers Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties.

Crawford County's share from the benefit reimbursement was \$100,000. Rather than keep the funds in the county's general fund, officials opted to designate a special account to fund the redevelopment of the former fairgrounds property.

"It's something that the community benefits from that is tangible, and it's something that can

be the center of community pride," said County Administrator Paul Compo on the development of the sports complex.

Initial plans for the fund include creating a paved entrance into the property.

County commissioners have hired engineers from the Northwest Design Group of Petoskey to develop specifications to pave the entrance to the property, the road leading to the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter and for a parking lot for the animal shelter. Funds left over from the U.S. Department of Agriculture loan to build the shelter would be used for the paving projects, Compo said.

The Grayling Little League has plans to have four to seven additional fields at the Crawford County Sports Complex.

The Crawford AuSable American Youth Soccer Association is also planning to develop new fields on the property, depending on the cost and the ability to raise funds.

"We have sports fields scattered all over the community, so our thought was to consolidate them all in one place," said Mike Lange, a Crawford County Commissioner who sits on a committee overseeing the use of

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Christmas Walk gets Grayling in holiday spirit



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Live reindeer from the Reindeer Ranch at Kalamazoo were on display at the North Country Corner, and drew dozens of visitors during the 30th annual Christmas Walk on Saturday. Above, Carol Borton, co-owner of the Reindeer Ranch, displays Blitzen for onlookers. For more on the event, see Page 2A.

Trail grooming agreement debated

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Officials from the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association (AVSA) believe that it was premature for the Michigan Snowmobile Association (MSA) to proclaim a victory with the state over the ownership and funding of trail grooming equipment.

The Michigan Snowmobile Association (MSA) announced that trail grooming clubs, known as grant sponsors, reached an agreement with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) earlier this month to avoid a shutdown of Michigan's snowmobile trails this winter.

A prior disagreement, regarding ownership rights of grooming equipment, threatened to cripple the industry.

"The grant sponsors had very serious equipment ownership concerns that were addressed under the handbook agreement," said Bill Manson, MSA's executive director. "We were at a critical stage where it could have gone either way, so I am relieved that the industry, and the businesses that rely upon it, will

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Replica of Skingley house highlighted

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A replica of a Crawford County farmhouse built at the turn of the century, that is on display at the Crawford County Historical Museum, has been featured in a national magazine.

The Skingley house, which was built by Bertha and John Robert Skingley in 1901, is included in the December issue of *Miniature Collector* magazine, in a feature about miniatures found in unlikely places.

The Skingleys were married on Aug. 6, 1882, in London, and soon after, made their way to the United States by way of Canada.

The couple had seven children, John, Walter, William, George, Elizabeth, Harold and Albert, who were all named after English monarchy.

After settling in Kansas, the couple moved to Diamondale, then later to Owosso, where

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Frederic ponders tax change for fire department

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Frederic Township officials are taking the steps to establish a special assessment tax district to support fire and ambulance operations.

The township board, last week, voted to schedule a public hearing, which will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 15, to take input on establishing the special assessment tax district for fire department funding.

The Frederic Township Fire Department is currently support-

ed by a two-mill voted millage, which generates about \$98,000 per year.

If the special assessment tax district is created, the fire department millage would be decided annually at the township board's budget hearings, and would no longer be on the ballot for voters to decide.

The special assessment would mean that tax levies would be consistent, rather than jeopardizing having a funding measure

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Thanksgiving dinner to be served

An army of volunteers will host the 14th annual Crawford AuSable Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday.

Volunteers and Camp Grayling officials are joining forces again this year to provide Thanksgiving meals to the needy and residents who can not be with their families for the holi-

day. The dinner will be served from noon to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 22, at the Camp Grayling Armory.

Volunteers will also deliver hundreds of meals to seniors and people who can not make it to the dinner. To schedule the delivery of a meal, contact Sally Golnick at 348-9418.

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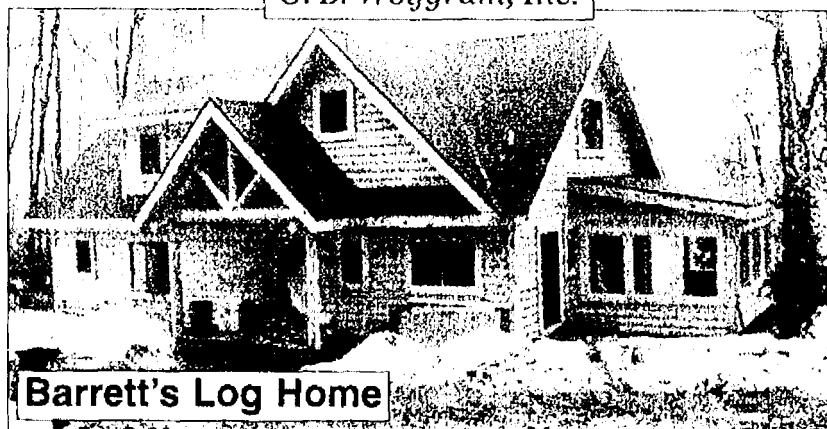
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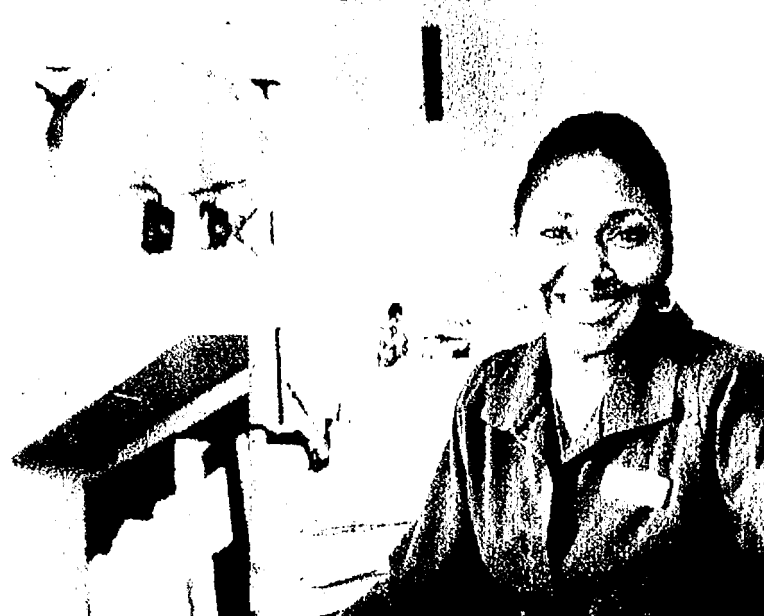


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Dozens of community groups took part in the 30th annual Christmas Walk, held in downtown Grayling, on Saturday. Above left, Sam Patterson, 1, visits with Sgt. Sock Monkey at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library. Above right, Zachary Houle, 7, decorates a Christmas cookie at the library. Middle left, Kelly Yousoufian, who is opening an art gallery in the former Fannie Finn's building, played Christmas carols on a harp during the Christmas Walk. Middle right, Mazi Gugin, 7, writes a letter to Santa at the library while her grandmother, Margaret Gugin, looks on. Below left, David Friend of Mio, and his yellow lab "Baby Boo Boo" marched in the Christmas Walk parade. Below right, members of the Grayling High School band performed Christmas carols in front of the downtown stores during the Christmas Walk.



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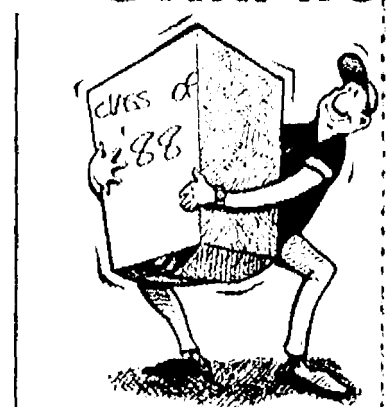
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Trail grooming agreement debated

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thrive this winter."

The handbook agreement means that 67 grant sponsors, including the AVSA, will sign this year's "Grant Sponsor Handbook" with the DNR. The handbook establishes a binding financial agreement to administer the trail grooming snowmobile program. Trail grooming is essential to the snowmobiling industry. Trails must be groomed, have visible signage, and be free of debris for safe riding. Moreover, it is mandatory for access to many remote trail networks throughout the state. The grooming program is funded entirely by snowmobile trail users, and not from tax dollars. User fees are administered by the DNR so the grooming clubs must get reimbursed for purchasing tractors and other equipment. The equipment is very expensive, requiring many of the non-profit groups to obtain personal bank loans for purchase and maintenance.

Under the agreement, the funding for grooming equipment will be 100 percent funded by the state snowmobile permit program. Previously, the

state and grant sponsors were involved in a cost share agreement, requiring the state to pay 75 percent of the equipment and the snowmobile clubs to bare 25 percent of the cost. After a five to eight-year period, the state signed off on its interest, allowing the snowmobile clubs to keep the equipment or use the remaining equity in the equipment for a trade in.

After establishing the 100 percent funding, the state will require the used equipment to be turned back into the snowmobile program.

The funding agreement means that less money will be available for the purchase of new equipment in the future for snowmobile clubs, said Rich Filley, president of the AVSA.

"I feel that I should reserve any comments directly relating to contents of the MSA press release until I receive official notification from the DNR," Filley said. "However, what I can say is that our local trail system was never in jeopardy of not being groomed, as we always intended to sign our grant agreement from the start of this very controversial issue.

I also feel that the hollow victory that the MSA is proclaiming may not be totally accurate as it is not necessarily the best thing for the future of the snowmobile grant program or for our organization. AVSA does not agree with the MSA regarding the direction that they are attempting to steer the program."

Filley said that the AVSA typically had its grant agreement signed by Oct. 1, allowing members to prepare trails for the upcoming season.

The trail grooming program would not be possible without the volunteer services of the grant sponsor clubs, which are very passionate about making Michigan's trails the best in the country. The clubs keep 6,400 miles of trail network operational. Last year, the grant sponsors groomed over 352,048 trail miles, during a season with poor snowfall.

The trail grooming agreement was facilitated by members of the Natural Resources Commission. Chairman Keith Charters and Commissioner Frank Wheatlake played a key role in resolving the dispute.

"The MSA is thankful for their leadership on this very important issue, and we applaud their service to the public. We would also like to acknowledge the commitment on the part of the DNR to reach this agreement," said Manson.

Acting on behalf of the DNR were Mindy Koch, Lynn Boyd, and Jim Radabaugh. Snowmobiling is a crucial segment of Michigan's tourism economy. It generates over \$1 billion annually for the state's economy through purchases of related goods and services like snowmobiles, equipment, food, lodging, and gasoline. Over 7,000 direct jobs are supported by the state's snowmobile industry.

"Snowmobiling is absolutely essential to our winter tourism season. We look forward to a successful snowmobiling season that will benefit the entire tourism industry," said Manson.

The trail grooming sponsors are comprised of snowmobile clubs, business groups, or a combination of both.

Snowmobile trails in Michigan are open from Dec. 1 through March 31.

Replica of Skingley house highlighted

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John Skingley worked as an accountant, a carpenter and a casket finisher. After saving enough money, the family traveled by train to Roscommon in 1898 and bought property near Pere Cheney, which was then the county seat for Crawford County.

While the farmhouse was under construction, the family lived in a stone and cement chicken coop.

The home, which included 13 rooms, had running water and kerosene and carbide lamps for lighting.

The family operated a hotel located near Higgins Lake. John Robert Skingley wrote and prepared legal documents using copper etchings. He helped plat the cemetery records, and record other legal documents, for Beaver Creek Township.

In July 1936, while Arthur Skingley was attempting to

repair a gas powered water tank in the attic of the home using a blow torch, an explosion occurred. The fire was so hot, it melted a coal and wood stove in the basement. Arthur died three days after the fire.

In 1982, the Skingley family hired Victor Hoog, an architect and builder from Williamston, to build a replica of the home.

Using recollections, and a limited number of photographs, the home and its furnishings were recreated. The one-inch scale replica was initially supposed to be used for a doll house, but was later put on display in museums.

"It's everything that we remember from that time," said Kathryn Garbe, a granddaughter of Bertha and John Skingley's, who lives in Beaver Creek Township near the site of the original home.

Mary Esther Skingley Hopkins traveled across the

country, and to England, to gather miniatures to go into the model.

Garbe knitted tiny stockings for the mantel. Mary Ester's daughter, Debra Morse, cast yarn onto tiny brass nails and began knitting a scarf that is a work in progress in the home.

The home includes a miniature violin and piano in the music room, where the family would perform for each other and neighbors. Garbe recalled staging skits on two steps that lead to a staircase to the upper level of the home.

"They all played different instruments and would sing, because that was what we did back then for entertainment," Garbe said.

It cost \$8,000 to build the model, once it was completed in 1983.

"It cost four times to build the miniature than it did the original house, but that was at

1900s costs," Garbe said.

The replica was on display at a museum in Lansing, and another time in North Carolina, before it found its home at the Crawford County Historical Museum in 1989. The replica has been appraised at \$15,600.

Garbe said she is pleased that *Miniature Collector* chose to highlight the family's effort to preserve their history in the magazine.

"It means a lot, because we spent a lot of time doing this," she said.

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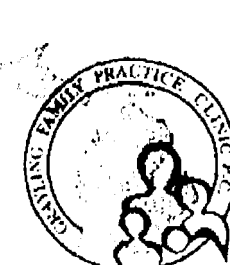
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Police locate lost hunter in swamp

A lost Roscommon County hunter was found on Saturday after police did an extensive search.

Troopers, from the Houghton Lake Post of the Michigan State Police, were requested on Friday to assist in finding a hunter who had failed to return from his morning hunt and had been missing for over nine hours.

State Police were contacted at 8 p.m. on Friday, and began the search. After about eight and a half hours of searching, the 18-year-old hunter was found at 4:30 a.m., on Saturday, by the Houghton Lake K-9 unit in a swamp about a half mile from his tree stand.

The hunter was tired, but in

good condition. The Houghton Lake State Police unit, that found the hunter, led him out of the woods and to the comfort of his residence.

The area that was being searched was about seven square miles of state land in southern Roscommon County. The search was difficult because the terrain

was very thick with vegetation and swamp land, with some areas of impassable overgrowth.

Troopers were assisted by the State Police helicopter, K-9 units from Traverse City and Reed City, Department of Natural Resources officers and Roscommon County Sheriff's Deputies.



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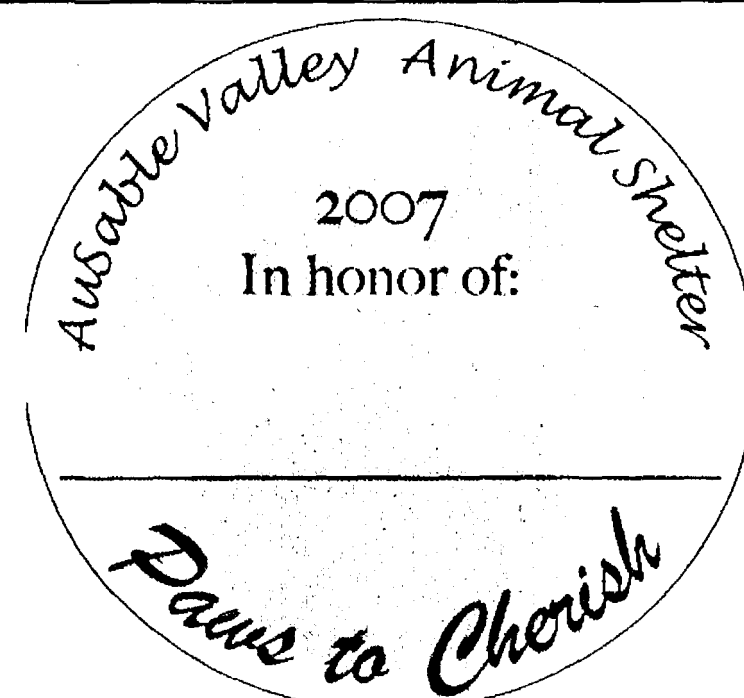
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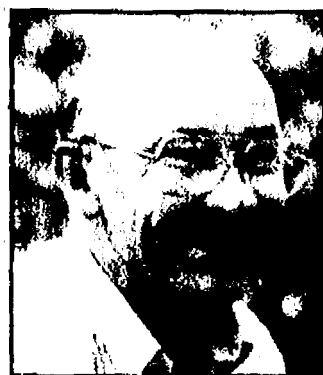
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OPINIONS

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ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Above all, believe in the Thanksgiving message

When Pilgrims almost 400 years ago decided to offer special thanks to Almighty God for a plentiful harvest, they probably had no idea how the Thanksgiving holiday they unintentionally inaugurated in this country would develop.

Those days held no thoughts of football games or Christmas shopping or fancy parades or dozing on the couch after a huge meal of turkey, dressing and pumpkin pie.

The Pilgrims had in mind a far simpler routine. They were faring well in a strange and harsh land, and — religious folk that they were — they knew a higher being was influencing their progress.

Recognizing this, they bowed their heads and prayed, in essence, "Thank you, God, for all you've done for us."

The Pilgrims revered God. That's why most of them dared to travel across the ocean to an unknown future in strange places.

And, while they were giving thanks on that cold November day, why not celebrate a bit, too? Why not invite a few

friends and neighbors to share their good fortunes and enjoy a big dinner?

And so it was. Foreign settlers and Native Americans sat down together in peace, sharing gifts of harvest and fellowship.

Really, the first Thanksgiving is an amazing and refreshing story.

* * *

THOSE WORDS painting that idyllic picture have begun my Thanksgiving essays several times in past years.

Now comes word that the first Thanksgiving really didn't happen that way at all, according to a recent article by Gannett News Service.

The truth is much more complicated, the article claims, citing a recent book by historian Nathaniel Philbrick with information such as the following:

The first Thanksgiving probably wasn't even in November, but more likely when crops were harvested in late September or early October.

Pilgrims were outnumbered two-to-one by Native Americans of the Wampanoag tribe, and the banquet fare

did not include turkey but rather ducks, geese and fish, with the main course being five deer brought by the Native Americans.

Pilgrims and Native Americans probably did not actually sit together; there wasn't enough furniture, so they probably squatted around fires.

Everybody liked a little libation, too, including Pilgrims, so because of a bumper barley crop, probably plenty of beer was served for Thanksgiving.

If everybody got along at that first Thanksgiving, the peace and tranquility didn't last very long. Within a few years, skirmishes and fights broke out, and before the century ended, the colonists had practically wiped out the native population in bitter warfare.

And, so Historian Philbrick and the Gannett article claim, that's how it really was.

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EVEN GAINING national holiday status for Thanksgiving has a bit of a taint, according to Mr. Philbrick.

He claims the Civil War was brewing

when advisors urged President Lincoln to make Thanksgiving a national holiday to give the nation a sense of togetherness and comity. Finally, in 1863, Mr. Lincoln declared the final Thursday in November as the national holiday of Thanksgiving.

As an aside: That's the first reference I have ever read of Abraham Lincoln even having "advisors" as current presidents do. Maybe the Gettysburg Address was produced by a White House committee.

In 1939, detracting from the purity of the Thanksgiving message, President Franklin Roosevelt changed Thanksgiving to the second-to-last Thursday of November to lengthen the Christmas shopping season — which today seems to begin sometime about Labor Day.

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ALL THESE claims about how Thanksgiving really began may well be true, but I prefer the much more idealistic and hopeful picture painted in the earlier Almanack version of the Thanksgiving story. That might be true,

too.

It's notable that neither the Philbrick citations nor the Gannett article include reference to any religious basis for the first Thanksgiving.

I find it impossible to believe that God wasn't involved in there somewhere. The Pilgrim journeys to this continent in the first place had a religious base — unless other historians seek to debunk that interpretation of history as well.

As for me, I will continue to take time on Thanksgiving to offer thanks for all the good things in my life, especially for those things which I did not earn on my own but which I strive to deserve — such things as life itself, and faith, and health, and love, and ability, and opportunity, and family, and children and grandchildren.

I think most Americans will do the same. We all should.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist, to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Main Street to nowhere

To the editor:

As the saying goes, difficult times call for drastic measures. There is no question that these are difficult times, locally and statewide. In my opinion, the proposed theme park plan is also a drastic measure. But is it too drastic?

For well over 100 years people have been drawn to this area for its abundant natural resources, peaceful living and scenic beauty. Over this time, people visiting this area have provided relatively consistent fuel for the local economy. Although revenue from these sources have never created a huge economic boom, they have been a relatively stable and reliable source of dollars. Are we willing to compromise the very things that have kept this community going over the last century?

I have read several articles in which members of the local community supporting this proposal have expressed the view that the community should do what's right for the residents, and we shouldn't listen to those opposed to this plan who live outside of this area. They stress that we need to do what's economically in our best interests. I ask you to reconsider these views.

Are those not the very people we should be listening to? It has

been their tourism dollars that have been a foundation of our local economy. Are we willing to drive their dollars away?

The people that would be the very customers of the amusement park would be primarily people from other areas, not locals.

I fully agree that we need to do what is economically right for ourselves, however this plan is the exact opposite.

As gas prices continue to increase, people are likely going to be less willing to travel to do activities they could otherwise do closer to home.

People from Ohio and south-east Michigan have Cedar Point. People in Illinois, Indiana, and southwest Michigan have Six Flags/Great America, as well as Michigan's Adventure.

Please ask yourselves what brings people to northern Michigan. What makes this a great area to live and to visit? I think this is a great place to live because of the small town atmosphere, the peaceful setting, the friendly people, the beautiful landscape and the outstanding outdoor recreational opportunities.

I just recently returned to this area for these very reasons after living temporarily in Chicago for a few years. People down there

speak very fondly of northern Michigan for the very reasons listed above.

Frequently, Michigan.org runs TV ads down there that encourage people to visit Michigan for its great boating and fishing, camping and hiking, and kayaking and canoeing. This area in particular has always been something of a mecca for the great outdoors because of its abundant rivers, lakes and state and national forests.

People love to come to northern Michigan to get away from the more hectic, congested city life. As the larger urban areas continue to get more and more congested, this phenomenon is most certainly going to increase.

We have recreational opportunities in this area that are truly unique to the Midwest. These assets will increase in value exponentially as fewer and fewer of them will exist in the future. Are we willing to create the very thing in our community that people come here to get away from?

I sympathize with hard economic times. I fully encourage economic development, but this plan is an economic gamble on a monumental scale.

If it fails, which I believe it will due to the reasons listed above, it will be an economic disaster that the taxpayers cannot

afford to clean up.

If it would succeed, which I think is highly unlikely, it would forever transform the character of the community for the worse.

Welcome to congestion, traffic, and headaches. We will have low-income jobs while businessmen in Detroit siphon off the real economic benefits.

The truly massive scale of this proposal is what I believe makes it so risky for the economy, the taxpayers and the environment. It even risks driving away those that visit and live here.

I think a scaled down version of this plan, that would leave a smaller footprint, would be less risky and more likely to succeed. It would require less infrastructure and would not need to bring in as many visitors to meet overhead costs. It would also help maintain the small town atmosphere of the community.

The hour is now late, and I fear too late. I mean no offense to anyone involved with or supporting this proposal. I do ask that you reconsider supporting this proposal.

We are on the verge of creating the very thing in our community that people come here to get away from.

Brian Hartman
Roscommon

Finished project brought tears

To the editor:

I was the first to complain to family and friends. Where are they going to put the snow? There's not enough room. It's not what I had envisioned. Why are they spending all the money on a project that has no value to the community?

In the meantime, I left for California, returning last night. Today I needed to run a few errands and as I approached the

downtown area, the finished project brought tears to my eyes. It looked like a "Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens ... absolutely breathtaking.

I am sorry for my sharp tongue and negativity. Thank you for not listening to people like me. Bravo council members!

With sincere gratitude,

Gayle McClain
Grayling

What's happening to the ethics of hunting?

To the editor:

What is happening to hunting principles and ethics? For example, a hunter builds a blind on state land, then a flatlander comes in and uses that blind

after he saw the other hunter in that hunting spot.

Jack Kinsora Sr.
and Mike Kinsora
Grayling

WASHINGTON NOTES

By Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D-Michigan)

Insuring our children

We in the United States are fortunate to have some of the best medical facilities and services in the world. Yet, shamefully, 2005 US Census data estimates that there are 46.6 million people in our country — approximately 15.9 percent of the population — who are uninsured.

How to provide everyone in our country access to affordable, quality health care is the subject of extensive debate. Over the years, though, we have made some progress in making sure that the most vulnerable members of our communities — including children — can receive basic medical services.

The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) was created in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 in recognition of the need to provide medical services for children from lower income families. In the past 10 years, CHIP has received about \$40 billion in appropriations, and the program currently has about 6.6 million children enrolled. Seventy percent of those children come from families with incomes below 150 percent of the federal poverty level (\$25,752 for a family of three), and more than 90 percent are from families with incomes below \$35,000 a year for a family of three.

Michigan's CHIP program, called MICHild, has had particularly impressive results: Michigan currently has the second lowest rate of uninsured children in the nation, trailing only Vermont, which provides universal coverage.

In the past ten years, we have seen that CHIP coverage leads to better access to preventative and primary care services, better quality of care, better health outcomes and improved performance in school.

While CHIP has been a successful program nationwide, many children who qualify for the program are unable to receive insurance because of inadequate funding. There are still 9 million uninsured children nationwide, 6 million of whom are eligible for either Medicaid or CHIP. In Michigan, 55,000 children are covered under CHIP, and 90,000 Michigan children are currently eligible for Medicaid or CHIP but are not receiving services.

To help address this problem, the Senate and House have both passed a bipartisan bill -- the

Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007 -- that would increase funding for the program by approximately \$35 billion over five years and allow well over three million additional children to enroll beyond the 6.6 million children already in CHIP. Michigan would receive an additional \$64 million in funding for children's health in 2008 under this proposal, which is 44 percent more funding than the state would receive if the program was maintained at status quo. Up to 80,900 more Michigan children would have access to much-needed health insurance.

Although both houses of Congress approved the CHIP bill by large majorities -- and it has the support of 43 state governors -- President Bush vetoed the bill, citing opposition to the \$35 billion expansion, particularly because it is funded through increased tobacco taxes. The administration's approach, which would add only one-seventh of the funding in the bill, would likely not even sustain the current levels of coverage and certainly would not help the millions of children still without health insurance.

Although the Senate passed the bill by a veto-proof majority of 67 votes, the vote in the House of Representatives fell 25 votes short of overriding a veto. We in Congress are now working hard to create a new bipartisan bill that addresses the items to which President Bush objected so that our children can begin to receive the care that they need.

A hardworking mother from Royal Oak, Michigan, wrote: "As a single working mother, I could not afford the family insurance that my employer offered, and definitely could not afford private [insurance]. Without this insurance I do not know what I would have done. [CHIP] offered us options, doctors instead of emergency rooms, less time missed at work and school."

We have a moral obligation to provide Americans access to affordable and high quality health care. No person, young or old, should be denied access to adequate health care, and the expanded and improved Children's Health Insurance Program is an important step toward achieving that goal.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. Senator from Michigan.

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BRIEFS

Boosters sponsor fund-raising night

The Grayling Youth Booster Club is partnering with Wendy's of Grayling for a Community Fund-Raising Night. A percentage of the sales, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 27, will be donated to the Booster Club. Booster board members will be present and encourage the community to support the club.

Hartwick Pines to host author

Author Bill Jamerson will appear at the Michigan Forest Visitor Center at Hartwick Pines State Park on Saturday, Dec. 1, at 1 p.m. to talk about his new adult historical fiction novel, "Big Shoulders". It's based on a true story about a seventeen-year-old Hamtramck boy who enlists in the CCC in 1937, and heads to the wilds of Camp Raco in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Besides signing his book, Bill Jamerson will show a short clip from his award winning PBS film about the CCC, Camp Forgotten, and perform a few songs he has written about the CCC.

Snowshoe building workshop to be held

Hartwick Pines will host a snowshoe building workshop on Saturday, Dec. 8 and Sunday, Dec. 9, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., both days. This two-day class will instruct you on how to lace a pair of snowshoes. Snowshoes will have wooden frames and are available in two styles. Call 989-348-2537 for more information, or e-mail Craig Kasmer at kasmer@michigan.gov or Rob Burg at burgr@michigan.gov. There is a \$150 fee for this class and registration is required. The registration deadline is Nov. 26, space is limited.

Benefit concert for chamber to be held

A benefit concert, for the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1, with shows at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., at Flowers By Josie/Thanks A Latte, with Dr. Bill and A.J. Cargo, of Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, singing gospel and Christmas tunes a cappella. Tickets are \$10, and available at Flowers By Josie/Thanks A Latte, Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce and Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Ticket prices include dessert and beverage. All proceeds go to chamber.

New volunteer training to be held

River House, Inc. will start its New Volunteer Training on Nov. 29, from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Help to brighten the lives of women and children. Learn the dynamics of domestic and sexual violence and homelessness while volunteering your time for survivors. River House seeks individuals to provide childcare, transportation, fund raising and support to residents of the shelter. Ongoing training will be provided. Call Carrie at 989-348-3169 for more information.

Community calendar now available online

The Crawford County Avalanche now has a community calendar on their new web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

NEMCSA offers energy assistance for low-income households

NEMCSA has funding available for propane, fuel oil, firewood, electricity and natural gas for low-income households in Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle counties.

Households must meet program guidelines and have a current Department of Human Services Decision Notice.

For propane or fuel oil, fuel in the tank must be at 25% or below, or the provider must be threatening to lock the tank or remove the fuel for non-payment of a balance owed.

With firewood, it must be the primary heat source and the supply must be extremely low.

Electricity and natural gas service must be in the applicant's name, be in threat of shut-off or already disconnected.

For more information, call 989-471-3277 or toll-free 1-866-270-0687. Service Area Resource Directory available at www.nemcsa.org/resourcelinks.aspx.

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Farm Christmas event scheduled for December

"The Farm By Lantern Light", a special presentation by Wellington Farm, USA, each holiday season has been scheduled for Dec. 14, 15 and 16. The full evening of entertainment is a combination of a play, a sleighride and a visit to the historic farm. Nine performances will be presented each day beginning at 6:40 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 4 p.m. on Sunday, with subsequent performances beginning every 20 minutes thereafter. Price of admission is \$10 per person and reservations are a must. Reservations can be made by calling 348-5187 and leaving your name and phone number.

"The Farm By Lantern Light" is rapidly becoming the highlight of the Christmas season throughout northern Michigan. Based upon an incident which happened many years ago in the small farming community of Wellington, the play outlines the reactions of

community residents as they deal with the situation. Throughout the evening's presentation, audiences make their way from building to building and in each one, another segment of a scene of the play is presented.

All of the buildings are comfortably warmed by 70 year old wood stoves and are illuminated by the glow of kerosene lanterns. In addition to the buildings, all of the walkways and paths are illuminated by lanterns, making for a breathtaking visual experience.

For this year's performances, an additional scene has been added which will take place in the historic Stittsville Church, which was moved to Wellington in 2005, and is now being completely restored to its original appearance by Wellington Farm Folk volunteers. The entire evening's experience takes about two hours and is a great outing for families and groups.

Vet's 'Tree of Love' to benefit shelter

They're furry, friendly, homeless and they need your help. That's why the Grayling Hospital for Animals (GHFA) will be collecting needed items to help the dogs and cats at the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter in Grayling this holiday season.

A "Tree of Love" has been set up at the veterinary hospital, with a collection area, to draw attention to the needs of the shelter and to coincide with GHFA's holiday theme, "While visions of loving homes danced in their heads."

"The Tree of Love will give our clients, and the public, an opportunity to help the shelter staff take good care of the dogs and cats awaiting adoption," said GHFA practice manager Shirley Sanders. "All items donated will go to the shelter this Christmas."

Shelter Director Cheryl Postma was asked by GHFA to compile a Christmas wish list. These items are very much in need and will help greatly to defray the costs of operations at the new facility:

Flea control drops and shampoo (dog and cat), dog shampoo (or baby shampoo), liquid laundry detergent, liquid bleach, small blankets/throws, doggy beds, window cleaning solution (to keep the new cat room windows shiny), paper towels, dry dog food (Pedigree

Adult Small Crunchy Bites or Purina brands), dry cat food (Science Diet or Whiskas), dog and cat treats and toys, 8 1/2 x 11 printer paper, clear tape, first aid supplies (gauze, tape, antibiotic ointment, coxlex), a quality upright or shop vacuum, a small baby or pet scale, 2 or 3-foot rubber backed throw rugs, snow fence and a small snow pusher to help clear the outdoor kennel area.

"We are so grateful for all the support we receive from the Grayling Hospital for Animals," said shelter President Sharon Priebe. "This is just one more way they help us fulfill our commitment to treat animals with kindness and to meet their needs."

Postma said monetary donations are always welcome and can be dropped off at GHFA or the shelter, or mailed to: AuSable Valley Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738-0384. Shelter questions may be directed to (989) 348-4117.

Grayling Hospital for Animals is located at 5806 W. M72 Hwy. in Grayling. For more information about the Tree of Love program, call GHFA at (989) 348-8622.

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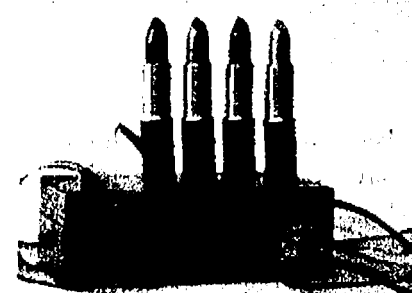
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The Bible Speaks

A Christian Servant

Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness." (Rom. 6:18). Every person is a slave either to Satan, sin, and self or a servant to God, righteousness, and others. This thought was stated earlier in Romans 6:11: "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." The conversion which changed our servitude was in Romans 6:6:17: "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you." Our whole person, our will, heart, and mind have been freed from the penalty, power, and personage of sin, so we may freely serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are dead to sin as stated in Romans 6:1,2: "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" We saw in the verses that followed that we are dead to sin by our union with Jesus Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection for us. Then another such question was raised in

Romans 6:15,16: "What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" As Paul said in Galatians 2:19: "For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God." The law condemned me as a sinner; Jesus Christ took my place and died for my sins fulfilling the just requirements of God's law. Therefore, I am dead to the law but alive unto Jesus Christ through His grace.

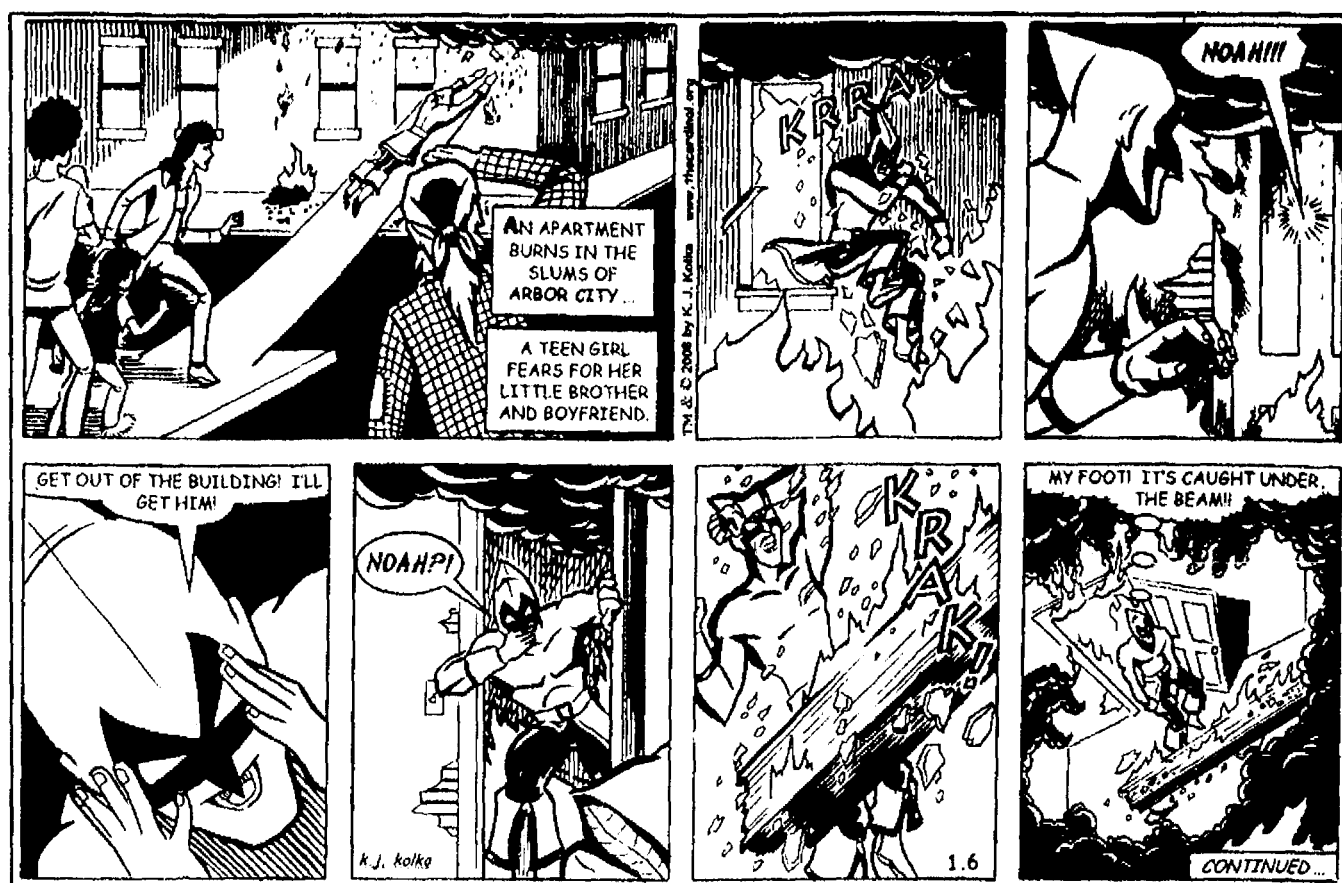
Our Lord Jesus Christ has freed us from the bondage of sin that we might serve Him. "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." (John 8:36). Our Savior paid the price of our redemption by His own blood as stated in Ephesians 1:7: "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace." He has freed us to know and obey His truth which sanctifies us and sets us free. "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Peter reminded us in 1 Peter 2:16 that we are free to be ser-

vants of God, not sin: "For ye are free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God." That is why Paul warned us in Galatians 5:1: "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." True believers have always been servants of God. Moses was a servant of God. (Rev. 15:3). Paul was a servant of Jesus Christ. (Romans 1:1). James was a servant of God and the Lord Jesus Christ. (James 1:1). Peter was a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 1:1). Jude was a servant of Jesus Christ. (Jude 1:1).

A true servant of God is also a servant to others. Jesus said in Mark 10:44: "And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all." He said in Matthew 23:11: "But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant." To faithfully love and serve God and others is essential. Pastor "B"

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"The Cardinal," a comic published by Grayling native Kurt Kolka, made its debut on ComicsSherpa.com, a showcase for aspiring cartoonists, earlier this month.

The Cardinal comic returns via the Internet

Grayling native Kurt Kolka has been publishing his ongoing comic strip, "The Cardinal," since 1990. It was featured in its own tabloid newspaper publication and distributed around northern Lower Michigan and the eastern Upper Peninsula until the summer of 2006.

This month Kolka's comic returns, aimed at a far wider audience via the Internet.

"The Cardinal" is being carried

by ComicsSherpa.com, a showcase for aspiring cartoonists.

"The Cardinal" comic strip made its debut on the Web site on Nov. 15. It was followed by another strip on Sunday, Nov. 18. A new strip will follow every Sunday thereafter.

"I am really excited about this change of format," Kolka said. "I've been working with a professional cartoonist to enhance the look and feel of the strip. The new

strip will be more professional looking and have more complicated storylines to engage readers."

ComicsSherpa is a sister Web page to GoComics.com, which features over 100 professional comic strips and draws in thousands of readers a day. People will be able to read "The Cardinal" and strips like Garfield, For Better or For Worse, Calvin and Hobbes or Dick Tracy, all from the same site.

At ComicsSherpa, readers can view "The Cardinal" on the Web site or can subscribe to it by a free weekly e-mail service. The site also offers multiple comic strips by daily e-mail (more than 150) for a yearly fee of \$11.95. Subscribers can choose exactly what strips they'll receive.

People can read new "The Cardinal" comic strips by logging onto <http://www.comicssherpa.com/site/home.html> and choosing it from a list of featured strips.

Kolka currently resides in Gaylord with his wife Diane and daughter Rebekah. He is the son of Joyce and Jim Kolka of Grayling.

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Gail L. Ahrens

May 2, 1941 - Nov. 17, 2007

Gail Laura Ahrens, 66, of Grayling, passed away at the home of her daughter in Traverse City, surrounded by her loving family, on November 17, 2007.

She was born in Detroit, on May 2, 1941, to Harold Eugene and Ella Leone (Haase) Chase.

She graduated high school and attended Eastern Michigan University.

The loves of her life were her children and grandchildren. She was a lifelong Lutheran and was very strong in her faith as a Christian. She was unshakably optimistic and shared her positive outlook with everyone she met. She was a wonderful people person which attributed to her position as a Wal-Mart associate in Houghton Lake.

She is survived by her children, Neil (Elizabeth) Ahrens of Boyne City, Laura (Jim) Shumate of Traverse City; grandchildren: Brian, Matthew, Allison, Christopher; sister, Carol Chesmar of Ill.; former husband, Lee Ahrens of Torch Lake; cousins, DuWayne (Kathleen) Gremel of Frankenmuth; several nieces and nephews; and many dear friends.

A funeral service was held at November 20, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Traverse City.

A memorial gathering will be held in Houghton Lake at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church and School, 1003 S. Maple St., Traverse City, MI 49684.

Condolences may be sent to www.legacy.com/record-eagle.

Arrangements made by Reynolds-Jonkoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Traverse City.

LeRoy H. Johnson

Aug. 22, 1931 - Nov. 16 2007

LeRoy Henry Johnson, 76, of Grayling, passed away at his home on November 16, 2007.

He was born in Pontiac, on August 22, 1931, to Wade Benjamin and Mildred Ella May (Brayman) Johnson.

He was a resident of Grayling since 1978, coming from Keego Harbor.

He married Shirley A. McClellan on August 13, 1965, in Pontiac.

He was a water meter repairman for the City of Pontiac for 25 years, before retiring in 1978.

He loved fishing and hunting and enjoyed bowling and working on lawnmowers.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Johnson of Grayling; nine children, including Geraldine Johnson of Grayling, Linda Johnson of Roscommon, Steve (Kathy) Johnson of Waterford; several grandchildren, including Phillip Johnson of Grayling, Shirley, Kelly and Steve Johnson Jr., of Waterford; many great-grandchildren; and sister, Deloris Fleming of Pontiac.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three children; and three brothers.

A private family service was held.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Arrangements made by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

Card of Thanks

The family of Irene Gildner would like to express our appreciation and thanks to all our family and friends for their love and support during our time of loss. Your many acts of kindness will never be forgotten, the visits, cards and food.

A special thank you to Pastor Scott Hoffer, for his kind words in the celebration of Irene's life, and also to Faith, for her songs of inspiration.

Thank you to the ladies of Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church for the luncheon they served.

A special thank you to Terrie at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home for their caring and kindness. Also to Hospice, for the wonderful care they gave Irene, especially Cathy, Scott, Jan and Kathy.

The William Gildner family

LIBRARY NEWS

Devereaux Memorial Library

"Snow Crazy" will be held at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, Nov. 27, at 3:30 p.m. There will be a paper cutting craft and hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Sign up today, space is limited to the first 35. For more information, call Jane at 348-9214 ext. 1.

The Crawford County Library Literacy (C.C.L.L.) Book Club meets the last Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. Join us on Nov. 27 to discuss "Loving Frank" by Nancy Horan.

The Crawford County Library System will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 23.

Hoffman, Graham wed



Tina Hoffman and Ethan Graham

Tina Hoffman and Ethan Graham were united in marriage on November 3, 2007, at Clearwater Beach. They had a sand ceremony to include their children, Andrew and Noelle, in

the joining of their families.

The ceremony was witnessed by family and friends.

An intimate reception followed in Tarpon Springs.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Nov. 23 - Closed Thanksgiving.

Monday, Nov. 26 - Lunch - scalloped potatoes with ham, green beans, peaches and an apple. Dinner - taco salad with lettuce and tomatoes, Mexican corn, and oranges and grapefruit. 10:30 a.m. Sit and Be Fit, 1 p.m. Bridge Club, 5:30 p.m. Cardio.

Tuesday, Nov. 27 - tuna noodle casserole, asparagus, mixed vegetables and mandarin oranges. Dinner - swiss steak, boiled potatoes, green beans and pears. 10 a.m. Bible Study and Tone and Tubes, 12:45 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood

pressure/sugar checks, 5:30 p.m. Bunco.

Wednesday, Nov. 28 - Lunch - hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots and mixed fruit. Dinner - western omelet, O'Brien potatoes, fresh fruit medley, muffin and an orange. 10 a.m. tenant council meeting and line dancing, 1 p.m. Kings and Queens, 2 p.m. pool league, 5:30 p.m. Medicine Shoppe Bingo.

Thursday, Nov. 29 - Lunch - Teriyaki chicken with rice, broccoli, cauliflower and pineapple. Dinner - roast pork, sweet potatoes, creamed peas and applesauce. 10 a.m. craft class, 12 p.m. Kiwanis, 5:30 p.m. Uno Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

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The Kirtland Regional Police Academy (KRPA) honored its 25th graduating class during ceremonies at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts Center, on the main campus of Kirtland Community College, on Nov. 2.

Members of the fall 2007 class include: Joshua Burmester (Roscommon), Jason Campbell (Gladwin), Michael Grosberg (Charlevoix), Kyle Hilliker (Okemos), David Hughes (West Branch, sponsored by the Ogemaw County Sheriff's Office), Douglas Nedo (Mikado), Mark Sanburn (Cadillac), Blake Scheller (Alpena), Kirt Stechschulte (Roscommon), Matthew Swope (Grayling) and Shane Webster (Atlanta).

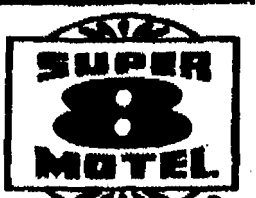
Currently, about 2,300 students attend a variety of certificate and two-year degree programs at Kirtland's two campuses - at Roscommon, and the Michigan Technical Education Center in Gaylord - with the college's service area including all or parts of Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw, Roscommon, Otsego, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Gladwin and Alcona counties, and the surrounding areas.

Congratulations Sandy Winkle New Manager of Grayling Super 8 Motel!

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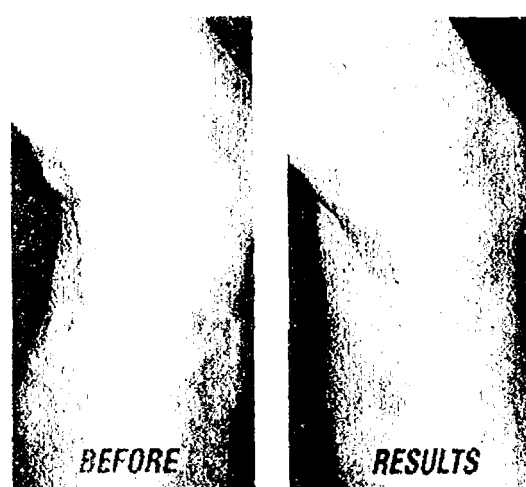
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COA donation recognition



The Crawford County Commission on Aging received a \$2000 donation from the Mize family in honor of Elouise Mize and her late husband, Clyde Mize. The donation was matched with a \$500 grant from the North Central Michigan Community Foundation and used to purchase a new freezer, which supports the Congregate and Home Delivered Meals programs. Pictured above are COA kitchen staff, Denise Conte and Robin Ryan, accepting the donation.

Frederic ponders tax change for fire department

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turned down by voters.

"The fire department is look-

ing at having secure funding rather than being on pins and needles if they are going to have local funding, and this basically assures that," said Frederic Township Supervisor Jeff Kea.

The special assessment would not be subject to Headlee Rollback, a state law which requires municipalities to decrease the amount of taxes it collects each year to account for inflation. Special assessments, however, can not be levied on personal property, which includes furnishings and equipment in businesses, and means that the fire department would receive less funding if the same two-mill rate was levied.

Doug Pratt, the Frederic Township fire chief, said

Frederic Township has the only township fire department in Crawford County that is not supported by a special assessment tax district.

"I'm looking to change that so we don't have to worry about whether our fire department is going to be there or not," Pratt said.

This year, Pratt said the fire department is on track for a record number of ambulance and fire calls.

In the coming years, Pratt said that he would like to increase the training of the township EMTs to add to their advance life support certification, and have around the clock staffing for ambulance runs.

"We're at the point where we do need to look at having a full-time staff 24-7," Pratt said. "I

want to be able to guarantee to our residents that when they dial 911, we'll be there at a moments notice."

The township voted to schedule the public hearing in January by a 3-to-1 vote. Township Clerk Nancy Bindschattel, Treasurer Sandy Barber and Trustee Steve Wilson were in favor of the motion. Kea cast the only no vote, and Trustee Sam Moore was not at the meeting.

"I don't feel that we should take this out of the hands of the people and turn it over to the five-members on the township board," Kea said.

Anyone with questions, or seeking more information about the special assessment tax district proposal, is encouraged to contact Pratt at 348-8190.

Funds designated for sports complex

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the former fairgrounds property.

County Commissioner Scott Hanson said the funds earmarked to redevelop the fairgrounds could be used by organizations to match grants

for their various projects and endeavors.

"The county needs to make this a one-stop-shop for children's recreation as much as we can and that's the place to do it," Hanson said.

The county discontinued having a fair in 2003, after the Crawford County Board of Commissioners removed the fair board from office due to bickering with the organizations that utilize the grounds. The Department of Natural Resources later changed deed language for the ownership of the property, saying it would be controlled by the county as long it was designated for public use.

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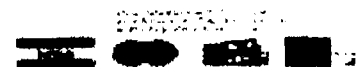
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Cornell Insurance Agency selected as chamber's October spotlighted member



The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Club selected Cornell Insurance Agency as October's Spotlight-a-Member. The Cornell staff pictured above, L to R, back are: Sharon Sloan, Annette Metzger, George Stancil, Linda Northrop, Doronda Klee, Ron Thomson and front, Tiffanie Stadler.

Cornell Insurance Agency was selected as the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Club Spotlight-a-Member Award recipient for the month of October.

The agency traces its roots beginning in 1916, but more closely associated with Willard "Butch" Cornell and Beatrice Cornell beginning in 1945.

The business operated on Lake Street for many years, then in 1972, moved to the I-75 Business Loop and combined in the same building with Cornell

Realty. That same year Paul Thomson purchased the insurance agency.

In 2002 Thomson retired from active participation and the agency was purchased by George Stancil, Linda Northrop and Ron Thomson.

In addition to the owners they employ six other associates.

The agency operated from that location for 35 years until the recent move to their new location on Huron Street.

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Thank you also to the congregation of Mt. Hope Lutheran Church for your donations and time that you spent helping. All of you made the "Kid's Fall Festival" a huge success.

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Author to speak and sign book at Hartwick Pines

Hartwick Pines State Park will be hosting author Bill Jamerson on Saturday, Dec. 1, at 1 p.m., at the park's visitor center. He will give a talk on his new book, "Big Shoulders", and will sign copies of it.

The adult historical novel follows a year in the life of a 17-year-old youth from Hamtramck who enlists in the CCC in 1937. He joins 200 other young men in a work camp near Raco in the eastern Upper Peninsula.

The book is a coming-of-age story where Nick tries to fend off a bully, cope with an overbearing sergeant and try to figure out who is out to frame him. Based on a true story, the book contains humor and suspense.

When Nick discovers a thieving scoundrel, he risks his own place in camp when he tries to expose him.

The Civilian Conservation Corps was a federal work program created by President Franklin Roosevelt in the heart

of The Great Depression.

During its nine year run from 1933-1942, 125 camps in Michigan housed over 100,000 young men between the ages of 17 and 25, plus camps for war veterans of the Spanish-American War and World War I, and a Native American Camp.

In Michigan alone, they planted more than 484 million trees, fought forest fires, manned fire towers, worked at fish hatcheries and at other wildlife work, built roads, bridges and dams, and developed Isle Royale National Park and numerous state parks, including building the Logging Museum at Hartwick Pines and the bath house at South Higgins Lake.

The camps not only revitalized Michigan's natural resources, but also transformed the boys into men by teaching them discipline and work skills.

Jamerson is an award-winning PBS filmmaker who wrote and produced eleven films dur-

ing the 1990s.

He produced "Camp Forgotten-The CCC in Michigan", which aired on over 60 stations nationwide and received the Award of Merit from the Historical Society of Michigan.

In 2000, Jamerson wrote a dozen original songs about the CCC, which he performs at schools, libraries and CCC reunions.

In his talk, he will show a short clip from his film and perform a few of his songs.

You can learn more about Jamerson's book by visiting his Web site at: www.billjamerson.com.

Some former 'CCC Boys', who live in the area, may be appearing and speaking of their personal experiences.

This program is hosted by the Hartwick Pines Logging Museum, which is operated jointly by the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of History, Arts and

Libraries' Michigan Historical Museum. For more information about this event, and other programs hosted by the museum, call (989) 348-2537 or visit us on the World Wide Web at www.michigan.gov/loggingmuseum. For more information about the park, visit www.michigan.gov/hartwick_pines.

Upcoming winter events include a snowshoe building workshop, guided snowshoe hikes, cross country ski nights, and historical lectures.

There is no cost for this program, however a state park motor vehicle permit is required for park entry. Daily permits are \$6 and annual permits are \$24 and available at the park.

Jamerson's book, "Big Shoulders", is available at the Friends of Hartwick Pines bookstore, located in the Michigan Forest Visitor Center at Hartwick Pines, and is open Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

AREA EVENTS

Mio - Mio will celebrate the beginning of the holiday season Saturday, Nov. 24, with a Holiday Lights Parade at 6 p.m.,

in downtown Mio. Santa will be visiting with children before the parade at the Santa House, located on the Court House Lawn, from 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Following the parade, the Oscoda County 4-H program will be hosting the 4th annual Christmas Auction at the Mio Community Center, located two blocks east of Main Street at Ninth and Cass. Christmas items, baked goods, decorated trees, wreaths, stockings, ornaments, flower boxes, birdhouses, and much more will be for sale. A Donna Tuttle of Let's Talk Auction Company will serve as auctioneer. Pictures, and a partial list of items available, can also be viewed at <http://www.letstalksuction.com>. A silent auction and door prizes will also be part of this event.

Funds generated from the auc-

tion will support 4-H programs in Oscoda County, scholarships, volunteer training, achievement/recognition awards, community service projects and 4-H mentoring projects.

Everyone is welcome. There will be hot chocolate, coffee and cookies for everyone. It is a great way to purchase holiday gifts, decorations and goodies. For more details, contact Oscoda County MSUE, 989-826-1160.

Gaylord - On Saturday, Dec. 1, from 6:45 p.m. - 8 p.m., at Alpine Alten Zimmer, a Christmas concert done by the Michigan Northern Lights, a chapter of the Sweet Adelines International under the direction of Cheryl Wagner. The all female chorus sings wonderful songs in four part harmony. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students, children

under 5 free. Snacks, desserts and beverages are included. Call 989-732-1676 for ticket information.

Roscommon - Soul's Harbor Worship Center, 250 Lake Street, Roscommon, will hold a live recording session of the Soul's Harbor Praise Band on Sunday, Nov. 25, at 6 p.m. The evening will be filled with the most anointed music now being utilized in worship services around the world. Pastor Cook says "we will be recording the best of the best on that night," and "these CDs will be available for distribution in time for Christmas, and can be used as gifts and stocking stuffers."

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The American Red Cross advises that being able to administer first aid and CPR/AED during the first few minutes of a medical emergency is crucial to the survival and recovery of a victim.

Having these skills allows you to become a vital first responder when help is needed.

"The Red Cross wants the public to know that everyone has the power to save a life. At least one person in every household and on every office floor should be trained and certified in first aid and CPR/AED," says Dave Gutierrez, SDA manager of the State Service Delivery Area.

"On average, it takes emergency personnel 12 minutes to arrive on scene. For someone who is choking or has stopped breathing, that may be too late.

"By learning simple rescue

skills, you can go from a helpless bystander to a person with the ability to take control and help someone during an emergency."

First aid and CPR/AED are commonly taught to everyday people who may be the only ones able to respond during the crucial first few minutes of an accident or medical emergency. Nearly everyone is capable of learning and becoming certified in first aid and CPR/AED.

Becoming trained and certified in first aid and CPR/AED gives the average person the knowledge and skills essential to lessen the effect of injury or sudden illness and helps sustain life until professional responders arrive.

Each year, roughly one million people in the United States suffer from SCA - almost half will die as a result.

Being able to perform CPR, or use an AED early on, is crucial in preventing brain damage and will greatly increase a victim's odds for survival.

First aid and CPR/AED can not only be used when SCA strikes, but can also help save

victims of drowning, electrocution, accidental poisoning, suffocation and drug overdose.

The most effective way to learn first aid and CPR/AED is to participate in hands-on training courses taught by a certified American Red Cross instructor.

While quick-overview videos and courses help you to become familiar with safety training; attending certification courses, under the supervision of a qualified instructor, is the best way to obtain the skills and confidence needed to successfully perform first aid and CPR/AED. And, in order to remain confident and keep skills current, it is recommended that you attend refresher courses and be re-certified yearly.

The Red Cross offers thorough and flexible training programs, which help you prepare for emergencies and life-threatening situations. Courses are available for administering help to infants, children and adults, as well as for fulfilling training requirements for workplaces, and for professional rescuers.

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Formerly based in Alpena, Kirkland is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon with subspecialty interests that include pediatric hip disease, sports medicine and orthopedic stroke care. He is available for appointments at Mercy Surgical Services and also joins the on-call roster of surgeons with Mercy Hospital Grayling's Emergency Department.

A graduate of the University of Minnesota Medical School, Kirkland served an internship in general surgery at the University of Michigan and a residency in

orthopedic surgery at the University of Colorado. Prior to his practice in Alpena, Kirkland served at Fort Carson Army Hospital in Colorado Springs, Colo., and had a Children's Orthopedic Fellowship at the

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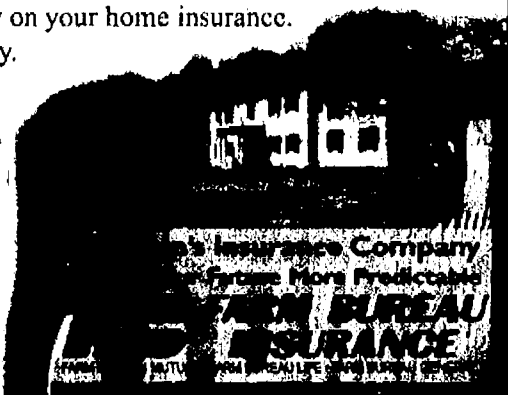
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BIRTHS

Jamie Rebecca and Jason Earl Wright, of Grayling, announce the birth of their son, Ezekiel Jason, born at Mercy Hospital on November 12, 2007, at 8:29 p.m., weighing 8 lbs., 4 ozs., and measuring 21 inches in length.

Heather A. and Kyle G. Duba, of Grayling, announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Anne, born at Mercy Hospital on November 2, 2007, at 2:41 p.m., weighing 6 lbs., and measuring 18 1/2 inches in length.

Catherine and Ronald Peterson, of Grayling, announce the birth of their son, Daxtyn Alexander, born at Mercy Hospital on November 1, 2007, at 3:30 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 7 ozs., and measuring 21 inches in length.

Skylynn Palmer and Corey VanLeeuwen, of Grayling, announce the birth of a son, Christian Sanford, born at Mercy Hospital on November 5, 2007, at 5:46 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 14 ozs., and measuring 19

1/2 inches in length.

Christy Farris and Robert Snyder Jr., of Grayling, announce the birth of a son, Eric Duane, born at Mercy Hospital on November 6, 2007, at 11:56 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 9 ozs., and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length.

Julie Lehre and Kenneth Cox Jr., of Grayling, announce the birth of a son, Haiden Lee David, born at Mercy Hospital on November 10, 2007, weighing 6 lbs., 6 ozs., and measuring 19 inches in length.

Natasha Gates, of Grayling, announces the birth of a son, Landen Parker, born at Mercy Hospital on November 7, 2007, at 8:46 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 9 ozs., and measuring 20 1/4 inches in length.

Cassie Hastings, announces the birth of a daughter, Nevaeh Elaine, born at Mercy Hospital on November 2, 2007, at 8:26 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 11 ozs., and measuring 19 3/4 inches in length.

RANGE FIRING

There is no range firing scheduled for the period of Nov. 22 - 28.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: (989) 348-6371. For further information call 1-989-344-6320.

Card of Thanks

To all of those wonderful people who have sought me out and told me that they are on my side. Since my letter in the paper about my neighbor's encroachment on my property, I wish to say a big thank you. It's good to know there are many who feel I am right. Keep me in your

thoughts as I go to court in January. Being a senior, on a fixed income, I really can't afford to lose.

Again, thank you all so very much.

Ruth Derry
Grayling

46TH CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT

Sentencings for October 2007

Hon. Janet M. Allen

Steven Lloyd Weaver, age 41 of Dearborn Heights - Pled guilty on Aug. 20, 2007, to controlled substance delivery/manufacture schedule four; sentenced on Oct. 1, 2007, to serve 120 days in jail with credit for seven days served; ordered to pay \$40 restitution, \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for six months.

Jacqueline Irene Mikolaczyk, age 46 of Grayling - Pled no contest on Sept. 4, 2007, to embezzlement agent \$1,000-\$20,000; sentenced on Oct. 1, 2007, to serve 120 days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$350 attorney fee, \$300 circuit court costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$60 state minimum costs and \$9,580.81 restitution; placed on probation for 24 months.

Nicholas Michael Kudla, age 20 of Hamtramck - Pled guilty on Sept. 4, 2007, to larceny in a building; sentenced on Oct. 1, 2007, to serve 210 days in jail with credit for 61 days served; ordered to pay \$225 restitution, \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for 24 months.

Nathan Robert Clay, age 22 of Roscommon - Pled no contest on Sept. 7, 2007, to assault-weapon; sentenced on Oct. 1, 2007, to serve 365 days in jail with credit for 121 days served; ordered to pay \$350 attorney fee, \$300 circuit court costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$60 state minimum costs and \$557.37 restitution.

William Roy Bloomfield, age 46 of Howell - Convicted by a jury on Aug. 29, 2007, for operating-operating under the influence of liquor/per se third offense; sentenced on Oct. 1, 2007, to serve one year and four months to five years in prison with credit for 34 days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee.

Shawn Starr Case, age 44 of Grayling - Pled guilty on March 26, 2002, to weapons-firearms-possession; sentenced on Oct. 15, 2007, to serve 90

days in jail with credit for three days served; ordered to pay \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$250 penal fine, \$300 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee.

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Donald Dewayne Anderson Jr., age 25 of Standish - Pled guilty on Oct. 15, 2007, to controlled substance use of marijuana; sentenced on Oct. 15, 2007, to serve 90 days in prison.

William James Miller, age 28 of Grayling - Pled no contest on Sept. 17, 2007, to criminal sexual conduct first-degree multiple variables; sentenced on Oct. 15, 2007, to serve 11 years and six months to 40 years in prison; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee and \$300 circuit court costs.

Steven Douglas Steffes, age 22 of Frederic - Pled guilty on May 21, 2007, to controlled substance-maintaining a drug house; sentenced on Oct. 4, 2007, to serve 60 days in jail with credit for 15 days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs, \$350 attorney fee and \$100 penal fine.

Teresa Duane, age 41 of Gaylord - Pled no contest on Sept. 7, 2007, to larceny in a building; sentenced on Oct. 15, 2007, to serve 365 days in jail with credit for 107 days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee.

Mark Thomas Carpenter, age 21 of Grayling - Pled guilty on June 7, 2007, for controlled substance delivery schedule one-two-three; sentenced on Oct. 4, 2007, to serve 90 days in jail; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs, \$350 attorney fee, \$175 restitution and \$154 late fee assessment.

Brandon Joseph Colby, age 32 of Grayling - Pled guilty on July 12, 2007, to forgery; sentenced on Oct. 4, 2007, to serve 180 days in jail with credit for 10 days served; ordered to pay \$300 circuit court costs, \$350 attorney fee, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$60 state minimum costs and \$2,466.07 restitution; placed on probation for 24 months.

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Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 90 complaints the week of Nov. 12 - Nov. 18:

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Three public peace/disorder-

lies, two owl/bats, nine health and safeties, two conservations, two miscellaneous criminal offenses, 18 traffic accidents, two accidents/non-traffic, four inspections/investigations family, one lost and found property, eleven suspicious situations and one driving violation/driving while license suspended.

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by Eric Freedman
Capital News Service

From an abandoned farmstead on national forest land near Cadillac to the chill waters of the Straits of Mackinac, plunderers are looting bits and pieces of Michigan's historical heritage.

"Unfortunately, it's not common but it occurs with some regularity where people will come out with a metal detector and assume it's OK," said Kenneth Arbogast, the Huron-Manistee National Forest public affairs officer.

John Franzen, an archeologist at Hiawatha National Forest in the central and eastern Upper Peninsula, said, "Years ago it was mainly bottle collecting. With the advent of metal detectors, it's taken a big change."

"We call it vandalism by treasure hunters," he said.

"Logging camps have been the target, both in past years for bottles and in more recent years for metal objects such as tools and coins," Franzen said.

Thieves' motives vary, said Wayne Lusardi, the state's Alpena-based maritime archeologist.

"Some people are ignorant of the laws and want a little piece, a memento. Others are fully aware it's illegal but it's for a personal collection, and others look at it from a financial gain point of view," Lusardi said, adding that many artifacts from Great Lakes shipwrecks "are sold under the table and not through online services" such as eBay.

And John Davis, a Huron-Manistee archeologist, said, "It's kind of a hobby thing. Some people express it by collecting old stuff."

Davis continued: "You have to do a lot of work for a little return" because most people who lived on long-abandoned farms had little money. "Once in a

great, great, great while they'll find a locket or a coin. They're not finding gold, they're not finding rare coins, they're not finding diamond rings."

In the most recently discovered incident, artifact-hunters dug about 300 holes at the Hemlock Grove Farm site in Wexford County, about 25 miles from Cadillac in the Huron-Manistee, which sprawls for 987,000 acres in the northern Lower Peninsula.

Arbogast said, "This farm, unless you knew it was there and you get off the trail and walked 100 yards and kicked around a while, you probably wouldn't know it's there unless you did some historical research."

Davis said some sites, like Hemlock Grove, "have a lot of stuff on them. The whole gamut of domestic and industrial and disposable artifacts that are durable and preservable are there. It's in the yard, it's under the tree, it's everywhere."

The theft, now under investigation by the U.S. Forest Service, isn't the first time looters have sacked historical sites within Michigan's three vast national forests. Investigators are following up on calls from citizens who saw vehicles near the farm site.

In an even more blatant incident, thieves stole an authentic 16-foot birch bark canoe from a museum display in the Ottawa National Forest visitor center in Watersmeet, in the western Upper Peninsula.

The 2002 crime remains unsolved.

Ottawa public affairs officer Lisa Klaus said thefts aren't as significant a problem in the nearly 1 million-acre Ottawa as in some other national forests because of its relative remoteness.

"We also caution visitors that we have a lot of historical sites,

logging camps, mining areas, and a lot of tribal sites we try to protect," she said.

State-owned public lands are vulnerable as well, especially on the 3.8 million acres of forest-land.

"It's difficult to quantify, because there are so many places, particularly in the state forests," state archeologist John Halsey said. "There's very little control we can exert over it."

"It's theft of state property at its simplest level. People think if it's on state land, it belongs to me," Halsey said. "If you're going to do archeology or artifact recovery on state land, you have to do it on a permit."

Some thieves have their eye on underwater treasures—artifacts from an untold number of shipwrecks within Michigan's 11 Great Lakes preserves that cover 2,450 square miles.

"There's always stuff disappearing off shipwrecks—it's more accessible and visible," Halsey said. "We do occasionally hear about these things, and conscientious divers do report when something is missing, but you almost have to catch people in the act to make a prosecution stick."

Lt. Dave Davis of the Department of Natural Resources' law enforcement division recalled the case of a sports diver who had looted a wreck in the Straits of Mackinac that connects lakes Huron and Michigan. The diver's wife rated him out during a divorce, and the investigation led to recovery of artifacts, a criminal conviction and a fine.

The difficulty in safeguarding artifacts is evident.

For example, the joint federal-state Thunder Bay National Maritime Preserve in Lake Huron alone has at least 50 of the known 1,500 shipwrecks in Michigan waters.

"There's no sign-in sheet at shipwrecks. We don't know who's been there," Dave Davis said.

And John Davis said the Huron-Manistee National Forest has about 2,000 known historic sites—"logging camps, Civilian Conservation Corps period camps, schools, grange halls, breweries, the whole gamut of late 19th century and early 20th century buildings. Those public ownerships are islands of preservation. Those on other lands are generally not protected."

Hiawatha's Franzen said archeological information is valuable in helping the public understand the past, and the looting of artifacts damages sites destroys information that "is not in the history books, not in the archives."

"Even loggers, trappers, homesteaders—all they have left behind is this material record"—that can be used to understand their food, their lifestyles and "their adaptability to life on the frontier up here."

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Girls basketball team to make winter season debut next week

Vikings to host Roscommon Bucks in Tuesday's season opener

■ **Squad includes four seniors, seven juniors, one sophomore, and a new head coach**

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The 2007-2008 Grayling High School varsity girls basketball team – a group that includes four seniors, seven juniors, and one sophomore – will have a new coach this year and will switch from the fall sports season to the winter sports season.

The four seniors on this year's squad are Annie Melroy, Jessie Baker, Rachel Doremire, and Tiffany Davis. Juniors include Alyssa Lewis, Laura Boylan, Liz Dandy, Ashlee Robinson, Samantha Schreiber, Jessica Bindschatel, and Naomi Anglemeyer. The team's only sophomore is Ashley Feldhauser.

"They're showing a lot of enthusiasm and aggressiveness," said Kelly Sheehan, the new head coach for the GHS varsity girls basketball program. Sheehan has coached basketball for 10 years, including coaching stints in Gaylord and Illinois. She has also served as a basketball referee for five years.

Sheehan was born in Grayling and currently teaches physical education at Grayling High School and Grayling Elementary School.

"It's exciting to come back to the place where I was born and coach here," Coach Sheehan said.

Sheehan said the squad's goals this season are "to improve" and "to focus on the things we do well as a team, which are rebounding, hustle,

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See "GIRLS..."



Photos by Caleb Casey

(Left) Annie Melroy, a senior, takes a jump shot from near the baseline during varsity girls basketball practice at Grayling High School on Friday, Nov. 9. (Center) Jessica Bindschatel, a junior, drives to the basket for a lay-up during a recent practice drill at GHS. (Right) Ashley Feldhauser, a sophomore, shoots a free throw.

Low hunter numbers result in fewer deer on buck pole

■ **Fifteen bucks displayed on opening day of firearm season, 14 displayed on day 2**

Twenty-nine deer were displayed at the Skip's Sport Shop buck pole during the two-day Orangecoat Round-up event that helped kick off the start of firearm deer season last Thursday and Friday.

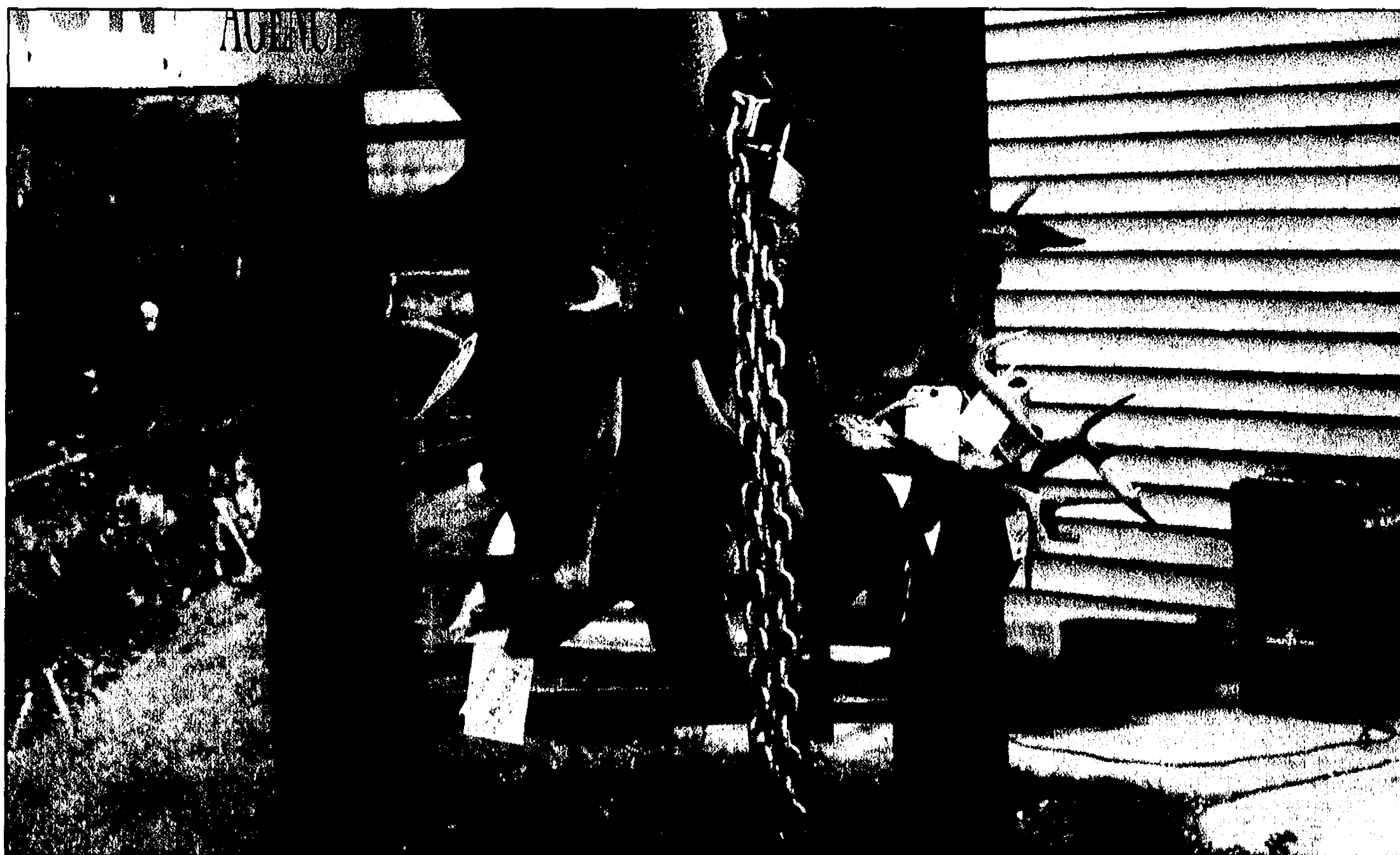
Like many other buck poles across the state, the buck pole at Skip's had fewer deer displayed this year than in years past. In 2006, hunters filled the buck pole at Skip's Sport Shop on opening day and finished the Orangecoat Round-up with a two-day total of 48 deer. This year, hunters displayed only 15 deer on the buck pole at Skip's on the first day of firearm deer season (Thursday, Nov. 15) and 14 deer on day two for a total of 29.

Missy Millikin of Skip's Sport Shop attributed the lack of bucks on opening day to low numbers of hunters.

The grand prize winner of this year's Orangecoat Round-up event was Richard Baslie of St. Clair Shores. Baslie's buck

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See "LOW HUNTER..."



The buck pole at Skip's Sport Shop displays a few of the 14 deer brought in during the second day of firearm deer hunting season (Friday, Nov. 16).

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Low hunter numbers result in fewer deer on buck pole

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weighed 159 pounds and had the largest rack (122 and 3/4") of the 29 deer displayed on the buck pole this year. He won a scoped rifle.

On both days of the competition, hunters won their choice of \$25 cash or a \$50 savings bond in the following categories: first buck, heaviest buck, first woman hunter, youngest hunter, oldest hunter, and first 10 bucks. All bucks after the first 10 won the hunter a \$10 cash prize.

The 29 hunters who displayed their bucks during the 2007 Orangecoat Round-up event are as follows (hunter, hometown, buck's rack size, buck's weight):

Day One (Nov. 15)
1. Bill Johnson, Grayling, 64 and 1/4", 125 pounds, winner:

first buck;

2. Tom Jakubiec, Bearburn Heights, 25 and 3/8", 90 pounds;

3. Thomas Morin, Erie, 20 and 7/8", 101 pounds;

4. Richard Bastie, St. Clair Shores, 122 and 3/4", 159 pounds, winner: largest rack, winner: heaviest buck;

5. Jamie Lashuey, Waters, 17 and 3/8", 95 pounds, winner: first woman hunter;

6. David Hinman, Lake Orion, 116 and 3/4", 150 pounds;

7. Ryan Feutz, Grayling, 47 and 1/4", 130 pounds, winner: youngest hunter (21);

8. Chad Swander, Grayling, 97 and 7/8", 145 pounds;

9. Ted Williams, Kalkaska, 41", 100 pounds;

10. Jeff Branch, Grayling, 80 and 5/8", 135 pounds;

11. Jerry LaMotte, Grayling, 24", 105 pounds;

12. Patrick Gray, Howell, 24 and 5/8", 101 pounds;

13. Kevin Teays, Spring Lake, 79 and 1/2", 130 pounds;

14. Jim Liberty, Grayling, 115", 140 pounds;

15. Don Tucker, Grayling, 26", 100 pounds, winner: oldest hunter (86);

Day Two (Nov. 16)

1. Sid Martin, Grand Blanc, 33 and 3/4", 98 pounds, winner: first buck;

2. Dan Benson, Roscommon, 101 and 3/4", 132 pounds, winner: largest rack;

3. Sean Long, Grayling, 83 and 1/8", 135 pounds, winner: youngest hunter (23);

4. Tom Haller, Grayling, 89 and 1/4", 136 pounds, winner: heaviest buck;

est buck;

5. John Morin, Erie, 33 and 5/8", 93 pounds;

6. Eric Graham, Livonia, 20 and 1/4", 105 pounds;

7. Ted Orman, Wixom, 48 and 5/8", 105 pounds;

8. Ron Webb, Monroe, 38 and 5/8", 125 pounds;

9. Don Kuk, Roscommon, 31 and 1/2", 101 pounds, winner: oldest hunter (81);

10. John Beechnau, Muskegon, 60 and 3/4", 110 pounds;

11. Pinchy Beechnau, Spring Lake, 69 and 1/8", 105 pounds;

12. Mary Robinson, Grayling, 37 and 3/4", 110 pounds, winner: first woman;

13. Paul Meyer, Ypsilanti, 41 and 1/4", 100 pounds;

14. Gary Harrison, Hazel Park, 82 and 1/2", 125 pounds.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation League
GMH-NCC. 32 - 12
T & T Fishing. 31 - 13
Days Inn. 26 - 18
Glen's Market. 22 - 22
Robin L. Smith CPA. 20 - 24
American Legion. 18 - 26
Woody Girls. 16 - 28
Grayling Nurs.Center. 11 - 33
High Series: L. Seibert, 544; M. Starks, 535; V. Balmes, 522.
High Game: A. D'Amour, 209; L. Seibert, 201; V. Balmes, 200.

Thursday Morning Coffee
Snow Tops. 18 - 10
Ladybugs. 17 - 11
Goofballs. 16.5 - 11.5
Casino Bums. 16 - 12
K.I.P. 12 - 16
Bill's Harem. 12 - 16
Chatty Three. 10.5 - 17.5
R.E.M. 10 - 18
High Series Men: D. Decker, 516; B. Holton, 491; K. Harris, 483. High Game Men: D. Decker, 226; B. Brown, 205; K. Harris, 174. High Series Women: H. Stairs, 461; I. Cosgray, 448; R. Brown, 430. High Game Women: H. Stairs, 188; I. Cosgray, 162; R. Brown, 159.

Friday Mixed Doubles
Miller Spillers. 50 - 27
L & L Hauling. 46 - 31
Bucket Brigade. 41 - 36
MMR. 40 - 37
Last Call. 36 - 41
Forget About It. 33 - 44
American Legion. 32 - 45
Great Lakes Roofing. 30 - 47
High Series Men: D. Wallace, 603; D. Williamson, 592; D. Canfield, 566. High Game Men: D. Wallace, 238; D. Williamson, 210; D. Canfield, 204. High Series Women: S. Johnson, 481; M. Moshier, 479; C. Moore, 478. High Game Women: C. Moore, 213; S. Johnson, 200; J. Dent, 187.

American Men's League
Derwich Ind. 24 - 4
GADCO. 24 - 4
West Side Diner. 14 - 14
Dragon Repair. 14 - 14
Fenton's Auto Serv. 12 - 16
Otsego Lake Service. 11 - 17
Moore's Auto. 9 - 19
McLean's ACE. 4 - 24
High Series: D. Canfield, 616; B. St. Clair, 603; Lonnie Davis, 596. High Game: T. Kotrash, 255; B. St. Clair, 225.

Pioneer League

McDonald's. 26 - 14
Grayling Rest. 25.5 - 14.5
Tim's Collision. 21 - 19
Eagles Nest Sports. 20.5 - 19.5
"S" B's. 19 - 21
Johnson Const. 18 - 22
T.C. Lawncare. 17 - 23
Spicy Bob's. 13 - 27
High Series: K. Moshier, 519; M. Cole, 518; S. Johnson, 504. High Game: S. Johnson, 205; M. Cole, 196; K. Moshier, 191.

Grayling Youth Peeewees
Beggars. 7 - 2
Team 3. 6 - 3
Team 6. 6 - 3
Strikers. 5 - 4
Team 8. 4 - 5
Team 4. 3 - 6
Team 5. 3 - 6
Team 2. 2 - 7

High Series Boys: D. Richardson, 252; D. Johnston, 208; Z. Pittman, 202. **High Game Boys:** D. Richardson, 149; Z. Pittman, 118; D. Johnston, 113. **High Series Girls:** C. Bonamie, 181; A. Langowski, 180; E. Connoy, 178. **High Game Girls:** E. Uinlor, 117; M. Leslie, 109; S. Metiva, 105.

Grayling Youth Juniors
Strikesters. 9.5 - 2.5

No Name. 8 - 4
Gutter Girls. 7 - 5
Strikers. 6 - 6
Three Strikes. 5.5 - 6.5
Legion Ladies. 5 - 7
Bye #1. 0 - 12
Bye #2. 0 - 12
High Series Boys: A.Brill, 268; T. Piehl, 217; E. Connoy, 206. High Game Boys: A. Brill, 154; T. Piehl, 126; K. Richardson, 125. High Series Girls: K. Vierling, 166; C. Prossor, 165; B. Johnston, 164. High Game Girls: S. Krayes, 96; M. Malm, 94; C. Prossor, 88.

Sunday Mixed Doubles
Spike's #1. 45 - 25
Gray Rock Cafe. 44 - 26
Four Amigos. 39 - 31
Spike's #2. 38 - 32
Farm Bureau. 37 - 33
Bi-Polar Bowlers. 35 - 35
Grayling Rest. #2. 25 - 45
High Series Men: J.R. Akers, 559; K. Slater, 506; B. Harris, 493. High Game Men: J.R. Akers, 206; D. Kirchoff, 190; B. Harris, 187. High Series Women: L. Mead, 451; A. Kolka, 408; J. Palmer, 407. High Game Women: S. Sloan, 164; T. Hellebuyck, 163; L. Mead, 157.

KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

The Kirtland Community College men's basketball team gave its fans plenty to cheer about, as the host Firebirds routed

ed Rochester College's JV squad, 103-48, for a season-opening win at the McGregor Athletic Complex in Mio on Nov. 12.

The Firebirds (1-0 overall) dominated the non-conference clash, building a 55-25 lead at halftime, and then continuing to pull away after the intermission.

Sophomore Brian Christian (Detroit Mumford) scored a game-high 29 points to lead the Firebirds. The six-foot-six-inch guard/forward also pulled down 9 rebounds, handed out 4 assists and recorded 7 steals.

Freshman Tory Throop (Vestaburg) and sophomore Steven Sidebottom (Mio) also

scored in double digits for Kirtland with 20 and 15 points, respectively. Much of their scoring came from long range, with Throop, who also had 2 assists and 2 steals, connecting for five three-pointers and Sidebottom adding two more from behind the three-point line to the delight of Firebird fans. Sidebottom also had 6 assists, 4 boards and 2 steals.

Freshman Nick Simpson (Bay City All Saints) chipped in 15 points and 10 rebounds in the winning effort. Other contributors for Kirtland included: Corey Wright (Mio) with 9 points, 6 assists and 3 steals; Pierson

Szubelak (Fairview) with 8 points, 2 boards, 2 steals and 2 assists; and Leroy Allen (Henry Ford) with 7 points, 9 rebounds and 2 assists.

"The key for me, for this team, is energy and effort for 40 minutes," McGregor said. "And they did that."

"I thought our conditioning was good. They pushed hard from beginning to end," he added. "I can't complain."

The visiting Warriors (1-5 overall) didn't post a double-digit scorer against the aggressive man-to-man defense played by the Firebirds. Freshman Clarence Spurr (Fair Haven Academy) led Rochester's attack with just 9 points.

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Standings
Two Track. 76
Frederic Inn. 67
Legion. 59
Sawmill. 52
Growlers Pub. 50
Ramada Inn. 20
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Girls basketball team to make winter season debut next week

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"This group of ladies is enjoyable to work with on and off the court. I'm looking forward to a great season," Coach Sheehan said.

In past years, high school girls basketball in Michigan has been played during the fall season. In the 2007-2008 athletic season, girls basketball moves to the winter season due to a court ruling against the Michigan High School Athletic Association in a

gender equity lawsuit. The winter sports season in Michigan will now include both boys and girls basketball. The change also includes girls volleyball moving from the winter season to the fall season.

"I like it," Coach Sheehan said of playing during the winter season. "It gives the girls a chance to play volleyball and then come to basketball in game shape. I like playing in the same season as the boys in the winter."

The Vikings started their offi-

cial practice sessions on Monday, Nov. 5, and play their first games of the season next week. Most varsity girls basketball games will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays until the season's halfway point. After 11 games of the squad's 20-game regular season schedule, the team will switch game nights with boys basketball and play mainly on Tuesdays and Thursdays. A few non-conference games throughout the year, including the squad's season opener next

week, do not adhere to the pattern.

The GHS JV and varsity girls basketball teams will open their 2007-2008 seasons with home games vs. the Roscommon Bucks on Tuesday, Nov. 27. The JV game starts at 6 p.m. and the varsity contest will follow. The JV and varsity Vikings play at Gaylord at 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 30. The first games for the GHS JV and varsity boys basketball teams are scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 4, and Monday, Dec. 10.



(Left) Alyssa Lewis shoots a one-handed free throw during a varsity girls basketball practice drill on Friday, Nov. 9. (Right) Tiffany Davis takes a free throw shot at practice.



(Left) Naomi Anglemeyer drives to the basket during a practice drill on Nov. 9. (Right) Ashlee Robinson dribbles during a ball handling drill.



Jessie Baker throws the ball to a teammate during a passing drill.

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LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

ERIC DALE CLEMENS, Plaintiff,
vs
DIANA CARMEN CLEMENS, Defendant/Petitioner.
FILE NO: 97-004344-DO

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EX PARTE ORDER OF ALTER-NATE SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

At a session of said court held in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on the 7th day of November, 2007.

PRESENT: HONORABLE MONTE J. BURMEISTER - Family Court Judge
UPON REVIEW of the pleadings filed in the instance case, and being fully advised of attempts to contact Mr. Clemens, and the Court being otherwise fully advised in the premises;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that service in the instant matter may be accomplished pursuant to MCR 2.106 (D)(1).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED Plaintiff/Respondent, Eric D. Clemens, must appear before this Honorable Court on January 2, 2008 at 9:30 a.m., or may have a period of 9 days from the final date of publication to file an answer to the instant Motion to Clarify a Judgement of Divorce to Obtain Military Retired Pay. In the event that a response is not filed within nine (9) days, the Plaintiff may obtain an Order Modifying Judgement of Divorce to Obtain Military Pay.
Dated: 11/8/07.

Hon. Monte J. Burmeister (P48732)
Family Court Judge

ORDER TO APPEAR OR ANSWER

At a session of said court held in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on the 7th day of November, 2007.

PRESENT: HONORABLE MONTE J. BURMEISTER - Family Court Judge
TO: Eric D. Clemens:

1. An action has been filed against you regarding a Motion to Clarify a Judgement of Divorce to Obtain Military Retired Pay.

2. IT IS ORDERED that you shall appear before this Honorable Court on January 2, 2008 at 9:30 a.m., or serve a response to Motion upon the attorney for the Defendant/Petitioner, or take such action as may be permitted by law, within 9 days of the last publication of this Order.

3. Failure to comply with this Order may result in an Order Modifying Judgement of Divorce to Obtain Military Pay against you.

Dated: 11/9/07

Hon. Monte J. Burmeister (P48732)
Family Court Judge
-22-29-6-13

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING SPECIAL MEETING OCTOBER 16, 2007

Members Present: Dennis Long, Cindy Olson, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright.

Members Absent: Shawn Krays, two vacant seats.

Others Present: John Wotring, Billie Squanda, Jim Hough.

Supervisor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is open discussion regarding the increasing cost of trash collection and recycling and options for future financing and cost containment.

Supervisor noted that the \$60.00 charge for compactor decals is not keeping up with the expense of running the compactor station and recycling center. Ashton noted that the Grayling Township General Fund is subsidizing the Compactor/Recycling Center expenses by an average of 50% per year.

Olson has looked into rates from another local hauler whose rates are similar but there is not fuel or environmental charge. (We are currently being charged approximately \$1,000.00 per month in fuel and environmental fees.)

Discussion of discontinuing the deal sales and creating a Special Assessment District to assess all improved residential parcels \$45.00 per year.

Billie Squanda noted that the costs should be shared by all improved properties.

Ashton noted that \$45.00 per year would not cover the shortfall.

Long noted that the facility would need to be open more hours per week.

Need to be open on Sundays. Will need more employees if open more days per week.

Another option is a millage, which would assess all properties.

Long noted vendors are available to sort recyclables.

Wright, Olson and Wotring volunteered to work on a business plan to address future costs and possible solutions to financing. The report will be presented at the December regular meeting.

Consensus that a Special Assessment District is the probable choice at this point.

Motion by Olson, second by Long, to adjourn at 6:53 p.m. Ayes, four; Nays, none; Absent, one, two vacant positions.

Monica Ashton, Clerk, C.M.C.
Charter Township of Grayling

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 16, 2007

Members Present: Dennis Long, Cindy Olson, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright.

Members Absent: Shawn Krays, two vacant positions.

Others Present: Jim Hough
Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

1. Correspondence (No action required) E-911 Report-Sept., Recycling Report-Sept., Ordinance Enforcement Report-Sept., Building Report List-Sept.

2. Motion by Olson, second by Long to approve the minutes of September 18, 2007 as presented. Ayes, four; Nays, none; Absent, one, two vacant positions. Motion carried.

3. Treasurer's Report for September 2007 was distributed and placed on file.

4. There were no citizens who wished to speak.

5. Motion by Long, second by Olson, to reserve portions of the Grayling Township Improvement Fund Balance for the following purposes: \$52,000.00 reserved for roads, \$10,000.00 reserved for vehicle replacement, \$15,000.00 reserved for compactor replacement. Ayes, four; Nays, none; Absent, one, two vacant positions. Motion carried.

6. Motion by Olson, second by Ashton, to support the resolution by the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership supporting the Main Stream America Theme Park Project. (See attachment "A"). Ayes, four; Nays, none; Absent, one, two vacant positions. Motion carried.

7. Motion by Olson, second by Long, to table appointment of a township engineering/consulting firm until the November meeting. Ayes, four; Nays, none; Absent, one, two vacant positions. Motion carried.

8. Motion by Long, second by Olson, to re-appoint the following persons to the Grayling Township Planning Commission: Geraldine Hood, Caroline DiPonio, James Cox. Ayes, four; Nays, none; Absent, one, two vacant positions. Motion carried.

9. Motion by Long, second by Olson, to re-appoint the following persons to the Grayling Township Zoning Board of Appeals: Barbara Greens, Dale French. Ayes, four; Nays, none; Absent, one, two vacant positions. Motion carried.

10. Motion by Long, second by Ashton, to table discussion of the Old Fire Barn until we have more information. Also, authorize supervisor to contact city regarding calling in a consultant to assist in negotiating the City/Township Fire Department Agreement. Ayes, four; Nays, none; Absent, one, two vacant positions. Motion carried.

11. Motion by Long, second by Ashton, to approve payment of claims on vouchers 5805-06, 5824-5869, 2203, 2205, and Board and Commission fees of \$373.40 for a grand total of \$84,464.47. Ayes, four; Nays, none; Absent, one, two vacant positions. Motion carried.

12. Motion to adjourn by Olson, carried. Ayes, four; Nays, none; Absent, one, two vacant positions.

Monica Ashton Clerk, C.M.C.
Charter Township of Grayling

MORTGAGE SALE

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Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Randy L. Shiock and Becky S. Smock, husband and wife, to First National Bank of America, dated March 2, 2006 and recorded on March 8, 2006 in liber 680 page 124, Crawford County records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$44,033.40.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a public sale of the property on Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., at the front door of Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 11 per cent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as:

The Southerly 1/3 of Lot 3, and all of Lots 4, 5 & 6, Block 7, Martha M. Brinks 2nd Addition to the Village (now city) according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01, Page 29, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period will be six months from the date of sale; but if the property is abandoned, the redemption period will be one month from the date of sale.

Date: November 8, 2007

Joseph B. Backus, attorney for mortgage holder
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517-337-1617

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John Gay and Catherine Gay, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated May 31, 2005, and recorded on June 29, 2005 in Liber 676 on Page 93, and modified by Affidavit or Order received by and recorded, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the C-BASS Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-MH1 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Two And 72/100 Dollars (\$72,702.72), including interest at 7.2% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the

place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 19, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at a point on the Easterly Right of Way of the Michigan Central Railroad (MCRR) that is 570.56 feet North of the East-West 1/8 line of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 26, Town 28 North, Range 4 West Said Point of Beginning, North 89 degrees 12 minutes 53 seconds East along the North line of said Section 26, 512.80 feet and South 00 degrees 47 minutes 05 seconds West along the East line of the MCRR Right of Way 769.80 feet of the North 1/4 Corner of said Section 26, thence North 89 degrees, 37 minutes 39 seconds East parallel with the East-West 1/8 line of said Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26, 286.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 47 minutes 05 seconds parallel with Railroad Right of Way 142.64 feet; thence South 89 degrees 37 minutes 39 seconds West parallel with said East-West 1/8 line, 286.00 feet to said East Railroad Right of Way; thence North 00 degrees 47 minutes 05 seconds East along Railroad Right of Way 142.64 feet to Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 15, 2007

For more information, please call:
FC L 248.593.1312
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #171432F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Edward B. Given, a married man and Cynthia Given, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 23, 2006, and recorded on June 27, 2006 in Liber 682 on Page 133, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand One Hundred Sixty-One And 18/100 Dollars (\$82,161.18), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 2, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 2, Sherwood Forest Subdivision and a 1/41 interest in Sherwood Park, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 15, 2007

For more information, please call:
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File #171494F01

-15-22-29-6

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Heidi Lamm, A Married Woman, as Her Sole and Separate Property and Darrell Glen Lamm, Her Husband, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 14, 2006, and recorded on April 26, 2006 in Liber 681 on Page 176, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to EverHome Mortgage Company as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-One And 34/100 Dollars (\$83,251.34), including interest at 8.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 19, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 16, Plat of Grayling Manor, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan as Recorded in Liber 2, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 15, 2007

For more information, please call:
FC R 248.593.1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #169698F01

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Irene Doughty, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 11, 2006, and recorded on September 19, 2006 in Liber 683 on Page 209, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Four Hundred One And 55/100 Dollars (\$65,401.55), including interest at 8.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 19, 2007.

Said premises are situated in City of

Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 70 feet of Lot 1 and the Northeastly 4 feet of Lot 12, Block 20, Original Plat of the Billage (now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 2, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 15, 2007

For more information, please call:
FC F 248.593.1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #170710F01

-15-22-29-6

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE -- Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey Smith and Tonia Smith, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Home Funds Direct, Mortgagee, dated October 13, 2006, and recorded on November 7, 2006, in Liber 684, Page 77, Crawford County Records, and assigned to Accredited Home Lenders, Inc., by assignment recorded in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which said mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Four and 83/100 (\$168,124.83) Dollars, including interest at 8.476% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, on Wednesday, December 26, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. Said premises are situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan and are described as:

All that parcel of land in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, State of Michigan, as described in Deed Book 641, Page 570, ID #062-032-012-060-00, being known and designated as the following described premises: Located in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, the East half of the North half of the South half of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, State of Michigan. C/k/a 11904 Pines Trail, Roscommon, MI 48653. Parcel ID: 062-032-012-060-00.

The redemption period shall be twelve (12) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 15, 2007

Accredited Home Lenders, Inc.
Assignee of Mortgagee

Keith A. Sotiroff, Esq.
SOTIROFF & ABRAMCZYK, P.C.
30400 Telegraph Road, Ste. 444
Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4541
(248) 642-6000

-22-29-6-13

Public Notice to all Frederic Township Residents

The Frederic Township Planning Commission will be holding a meeting on December 4, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Frederic Township Hall located at 7564 County Road 612 in Frederic. They will be discussing the master plan and anything else that come in front of the board.

Douglas J. Pratt
Frederic Township
Zoning Administrator

MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MASTER PLAN PUBLIC HEARING AND RECREATION PLAN PUBLIC HEARING NOVEMBER 27, 2007

The Maple Forest Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at 7 pm at the Maple Forest Township Hall located at 8996 N. Sherman Road; Grayling, Michigan.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to obtain citizen comment regarding proposed Township Master Plan and the Proposed Township Recreation Plan which is Chapter 5 of the Master Plan.

The Master Plan and the Recreation Plan are available for review, at the Township Hall on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 pm - 8 pm.

Citizens are welcome to attend the meeting and provide comments or provide comments in writing. Written comments must be reviewed at the Township Hall by 8 p.m. Monday, November 26, 2007.

Citizens who need assistance to attend this meeting should contact the Township Clerk at (989) 348-5794.

REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Grayling Housing Commission is requesting bids for the following insurance to be effective from January 1, 2008 to January 1, 2009.

1. Fire and extended coverage in the amount of \$6,072,695.00.
2. Scheduled liability policy with a \$500,000 single bodily injury and property damage limit.
3. Public Official Liability Umbrella Coverage of \$1,000.00.
4. Full coverage for 1997 Dodge Pickup.

Please contact the Grayling Housing Commission, Guy Quigley, (989) 348-3097 for any further information. Bids must be received by December 10, 2007.

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Kirtland Community College is accepting proposals from qualified architects to design the replacement of a pedestrian bridge at the Instructional Building. Architect must be licensed to do business in the state of Michigan.

An open house to view the project will be held on Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. Individuals should meet at the facilities management office in the Art/Maintenance Building on Kirtland's main campus.

Proposals will be received in the facilities management office until Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. at which time they will be opened and publicly read. Proposals must be submitted on the official bid sheet. Requests for bid packages can be made by calling 989-275-5000, ext. 263. Any questions regarding this project should be directed to JoAnn Comerford, Director of Facilities at 989-275-5000, Ext. 249.

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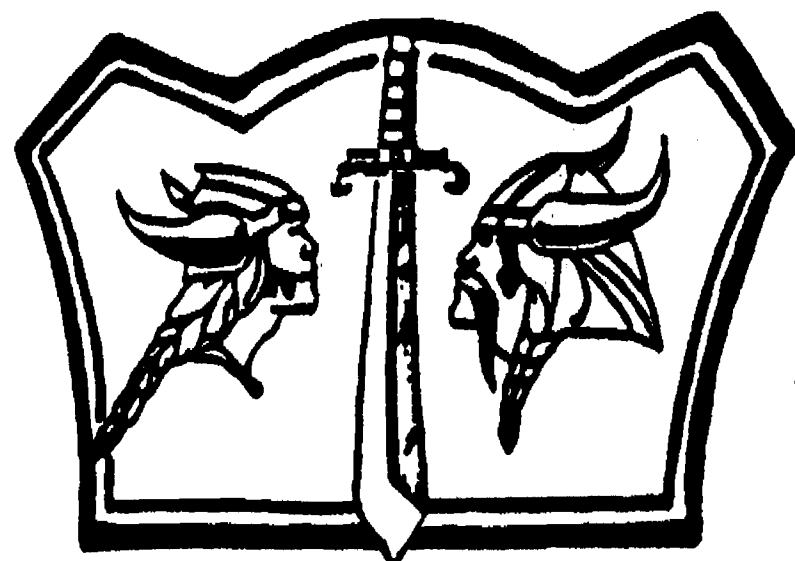
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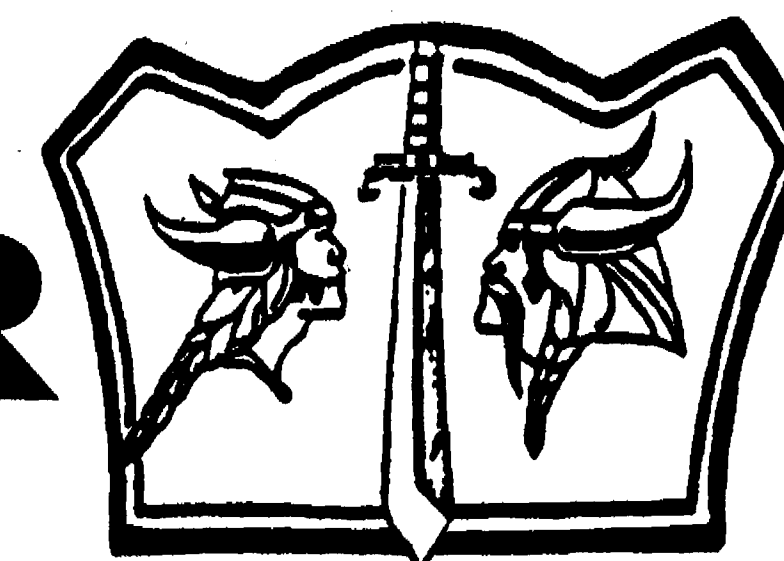
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2007 WINTER SPORTS CALENDAR

Grayling Vikings Sports Schedules



Varsity Wrestling

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time
Thursday	November 29, 2007	Gaylord	A	6:00
Saturday	December 1, 2007	Roscommon Invitational	A	TBA
Thursday	December 6, 2007	Boyer City	A	6:00
Saturday	December 8, 2007	Manton Invitational	A	TBA
Wednesday	December 12, 2007	Mio	A	6:00
Thursday	December 20, 2007	Houghton Lake/Clare	H	6:00
Saturday	December 29, 2007	Freeland Invitational	A	TBA
Saturday	January 5, 2008	Oscoda Invitational	A	TBA
Thursday	January 10, 2008	Charlevoix	A	6:00
Thursday	January 17, 2008	Traverse City St. Francis	H	6:00
Saturday	January 19, 2008	Ithaca Invitational	A	TBA
Thursday	January 24, 2008	Elk Rapids	A	6:00
Saturday	January 26, 2008	Gaylord Invitational	A	TBA
Saturday	February 2, 2008	LMC Championship	A	10:00
Wednesday	February 6, 2008	Benzie Central	A	5:30
Thursday	February 14, 2008	Team Districts	A	TBA
Saturday	February 16, 2008	Individual Districts	A	TBA
Wednesday	February 20, 2008	Team Regionals	A	TBA
Saturday	February 23, 2008	Individual Regionals	A	TBA

JV Wrestling

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time
Friday	November 30, 2007	Roscommon Invitational	A	TBA
Friday	January 11, 2008	Grayling Invitational	H	TBA
Saturday	January 19, 2008	Clare Invitational	A	9:00
Saturday	January 26, 2008	Sault St. Marie	A	TBA

Freshman Girls Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time
Tuesday	November 27, 2007	Roscommon @ Middle School	H	6:00
Friday	November 30, 2007	Gaylord	A	6:00
Monday	December 3, 2007	Elk Rapids	A	6:00
Friday	December 14, 2007	Charlevoix @ Middle School	H	6:00
Friday	January 4, 2008	Harbor Springs @ Middle School	H	6:00
Tuesday	January 15, 2008	Roscommon	A	4:30
Wednesday	January 23, 2008	Houghton Lake @ High School	H	6:00
Thursday	January 24, 2008	Charlevoix @ Middle School	A	6:00
Thursday	January 31, 2008	Elk Rapids @ Middle School	H	6:00
Tuesday	February 5, 2008	Harbor Springs	A	4:30
Thursday	February 7, 2008	Kalkaska @ Middle School	H	6:00
Monday	February 11, 2008	Tawas @ High School - Parents Night	H	6:00

Middle School Volleyball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time
Monday	January 28, 2008	Charlevoix	H	5:00
Thursday	January 31, 2008	Elk Rapids	A	4:30
Monday	February 4, 2008	Kalkaska	H	5:00
Thursday	February 7, 2008	Harbor Springs	A	5:00
Monday	February 11, 2008	Elk Rapids	H	5:00
Thursday	February 14, 2008	Kalkaska	A	5:00
Tuesday	February 19, 2008	TC St. Elizabeth	A	4:30
Thursday	February 21, 2008	East Jordan	H	5:00
Monday	February 25, 2008	Boyer City	A	5:00
Thursday	February 28, 2008	Traverse City St. Elizabeth	H	5:00

Varsity Skiing

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Time
Thursday	January 3, 2008	League Meet @ Boyne	A	5:00
Thursday	January 10, 2008	League Meet @ Nubs Nob	A	5:00
Friday	January 11, 2008	Cadillac Invitational	A	10:00
Friday	January 18, 2008	Treetops	A	10:00
Thursday	January 24, 2008	League Meet @ Treetops	A	5:00
Thursday	January 31, 2008	League Meet @ Nubs Nob	A	5:00
Monday	February 4, 2008	Manistee Invitational	A	10:00
Thursday	February 7, 2008	League Make-up @ TBA	A	5:00
Friday	February 8, 2008	Benzie Invitational	A	10:00
Thursday	February 14, 2008	Regionals @ Crystal Mtn.	A	9:00
Tuesday	February 19, 2008	League Championship @ Boyne Mtn.	A	TBA
Monday	February 25, 2008	State Finals @ Boyne	A	9:00

Freshman Boys Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Time
Monday	December 3, 2007	Elk Rapids	A	6:00
Tuesday	December 4, 2007	Roscommon @ Middle School	H	6:00
Monday	December 10, 2007	Gaylord	A	6:00
Thursday	December 13, 2007	Charlevoix @ Middle School	H	6:00
Friday	December 21, 2007	Pine River	A	4:15
Thursday	January 3, 2008	Elk Rapids @ Middle School	H	6:00
Tuesday	January 8, 2008	Harbor Springs	A	4:30
Wednesday	January 16, 2008	Traverse City St. Francis	A	4:30
Friday	January 18, 2008	Boyer City @ Middle School	H	6:00
Monday	January 21, 2008	Roscommon	A	4:30
Wednesday	January 23, 2008	Houghton Lake @ High School	H	6:00
Friday	January 25, 2008	Charlevoix @ Middle School	A	6:00
Thursday	January 31, 2008	Cheboygan	A	4:00
Friday	February 1, 2008	Harbor Springs @ Middle School	H	6:00
Monday	February 4, 2008	Pine River @ High School	H	6:00
Wednesday	February 6, 2008	East Jordan @ Middle School	H	6:00
Wednesday	February 13, 2008	Kalkaska @ Middle School	H	6:00
Friday	February 15, 2008	Traverse City St. Francis @ HS	H	4:15
Tuesday	February 19, 2008	Boyer City @ Middle School	A	6:00

Middle School Boys Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Time
Tuesday	November 13, 2007	Harbor Springs	H	5:00
Tuesday	November 20, 2007	East Jordan	A	4:30
Tuesday	November 27, 2007	Charlevoix	A	4:30
Thursday	November 29, 2007	Boyer City	H	5:00
Monday	December 3, 2007	Kalkaska	A	5:00
Thursday	December 6, 2007	Elk Rapids (8 th Green-Tobin)	H	5:00
Thursday	December 6, 2007	Elk Rapids (8 th White-Schmidt)	A	4:30
Monday	December 10, 2007	Traverse City St. Elizabeth	A	4:30
Wednesday	December 19, 2007	Traverse City St. Elizabeth	H	5:00
Thursday	December 20, 2007	Elk Rapids (8 th White-Schmidt)	H	5:00
Thursday	December 20, 2007	Elk Rapids (8 th Green-Tobin)	A	4:30
Monday	January 7, 2008	Kalkaska	H	5:00
Monday	January 14, 2008	Roscommon - 7 th Grade	H	5:00
Monday	January 14, 2008	Roscommon - 8 th Grade	A	5:00
Wednesday	January 16, 2008	Roscommon - 7 th Grade	A	5:00
Wednesday	January 16, 2008	Roscommon - 8 th Grade	H	5:00

Varsity & JV Boys Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time
Tuesday	December 4, 2007	Roscommon	H	6:00
Monday	December 10, 2007	Gaylord	A	6:00
Thursday	December 13, 2007	Charlevoix	H	6:00
Tuesday	December 18, 2007	East Jordan	A	6:00
Friday/Sat.	December 28-29	Gladwin Tournament	A	TBA
Thursday	January 3, 2008	Elk Rapids	H	6:00
Tuesday	January 8, 2008	Harbor Springs	A	6:00
Thursday	January 10, 2008	Kalkaska	A	6:00
Wednesday	January 16, 2008	Traverse City St. Francis	A	6:00
Friday	January 18, 2008	Boyer City	H	6:00
Monday	January 21, 2008	Roscommon	A	6:00
Friday	January 25, 2008	Charlevoix	A	6:00
Wednesday	January 30, 2008	Harrison	H	6:00
Friday	February 1, 2008	Harbor Springs	H	6:00
Wednesday	February 6, 2008	East Jordan	H	6:00
Friday	February 8, 2008	Elk Rapids	A	6:00
Wednesday	February 13, 2008	Kalkaska	H	6:00
Friday	February 15, 2008	Traverse City St. Francis	H	6:00
Tuesday	February 19, 2008	Boyer City	A	6:00
Monday	February 25, 2008	Districts	H	TBA
Wednesday	February 27, 2008	Districts	H	TBA
Friday	February 29, 2008	Districts	H	TBA

Varsity & JV Girls Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time
Tuesday	November 27, 2007	Roscommon	H	6:00
Friday	November 30, 2007	Gaylord	A	6:00
Wednesday	December 5, 2007	Traverse City St. Francis	A	6:00
Friday	December 7, 2007	Boyer City	A	6:00
Tuesday	December 11, 2007	Lake City	H	6:00
Friday	December 14, 2007	Charlevoix	H	6:00
Wednesday	December 19, 2007	East Jordan	A	6:00
Friday	December 21, 2007	Elk Rapids	A	6:00
Wednesday	January 2, 2008	Harrison	A	6:00
Friday	January 4, 2008	Harbor Springs	H	6:00
Friday	January 11, 2008	Kalkaska	A	6:00
Tuesday	January 15, 2008	Roscommon	A	6:00
Tuesday	January 22, 2008	Boyer City	H	6:00
Thursday	January 24, 2008	Charlevoix	A	6:00
Tuesday	January 29, 2008	East Jordan	H	6:00
Thursday	January 31, 2008	Elk Rapids	H	6:00
Tuesday	February 5, 2008	Harbor Springs	A	6:00
Thursday	February 7, 2008	Kalkaska	H	6:00
Saturday	February 9, 2008	Harrison	H	6:00
Tuesday	February 12, 2008	Traverse City St. Francis	H	6:00
Monday	February 18, 2008	Districts	H	TBA
Wednesday	February 20, 2008	Districts	H	TBA
Friday	February 22, 2008	Districts	H	TBA

Fox Run
Country Club

7-Eleven

AuSable Eye Care
Dr. Dean • Dr. Aubry

Westside Diner

Mary Becker
Loan SpecialistKelloggs Bridge
One Stop

USA Trailers

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The Up North Clothing
& Gift StoreOle Dam Rd.
Party StoreAmerican Legion
Lounge & LanesRalph Oppermann
D.D.SRivertown
ConstructionJack Millikin,
Inc.

JJ's Motor Mall

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CollisionUpper Lakes
TireComfort Center
Furniture StoreGrayling
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LEGAL ACTION

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PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JAMES SCHWARTZ and STACEY SCHWARTZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO EMPIRE NATIONAL BANK, Mortgagee, dated July 8, 2000, and recorded on July 27, 2000, in Liber 513, on Page 203, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-One Dollars and Fifteen Cents (\$26,951.15), including interest at 8.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on December 19, 2007

Said premises are situated in Township of GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan and described as:

ALL THAT PART OF THE WEST 1 / 2 OF THE WEST 1 / 2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1 / 4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1 / 4 OF SECTION 15, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST LYING ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF M-72.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 8, 2007

THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO EMPIRE NATIONAL BANK Mortgagee/Assignee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jodi A Modos, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 30, 2004, and recorded on July 1, 2004 in Liber 669 on Page 702, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Huntington National Bank as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Six Thousand One Hundred Forty-Eight And 01/100 Dollars (\$86,148.01), including interest at 8.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 19, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 17 and 18, Block 6, Karen Woods Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 44, Crawford County Records. AND all that part of the following described parcel located West of Sweden Road and East of Lot 18: The Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of section 13, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, EXCEPTING that portion taken for Karen Woods Subdivision, and EXCEPT parcel of land described as: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Block 4 of Karen Woods Subdivision: Thence North 89 degrees 56 Minutes East 307 feet to the 1/8 corner on section line of Section 13; thence South on Section line 561.8 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes West 316 feet to a point 165 feet East of the Southeast corner of Block 5 of said Subdivision; thence North 0 degrees 33 minutes West to point of beginning

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless deter-

mined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 15, 2007

For more information, please call:
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Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #171185F01

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas D. Slavens, A Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 22, 2004, and recorded on September 28, 2004 in Liber 671 on Page 687, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Three And 65/100 Dollars (\$163,153.65), including interest at 5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 12, 2007.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A; Part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, Commencing at the Southwest Corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 7, Thence South 01 Degrees 21 Minutes West (Along the West 1/8 Line) 17.25 Feet to the Southeasterly Right of Way of M-72 and M-93; Thence North 45 Degrees 45 Minutes East (along said Right-of-Way) 340 Feet; Thence North 44 Degrees 21 Minutes East (along said Right-of-Way) 105.03 Feet; Thence South 50 Degrees 14 Minutes East 305.18 Feet to the Point of Beginning; Thence Continuing South 50 Degrees 14 Minutes East 331.10 Feet to the Left Bank of the Ausable River; Thence South 47 Degrees 30 Minutes West (along said River Bank) 100.90 Feet; Thence South 87 Degrees 15 Minutes West (along said River Bank)

165.00 Feet; Thence North 66 Degrees 06 Minutes West (along said River Bank) 115.40 Feet; Thence North 20 Degrees 32 Minutes East 257.50 Feet to the Point of Beginning. This Parcel Extends to the Waters Edge of the Ausable River with Full Riparian Rights thereto.

Also Subject to and use of: An 83 Foot Easement for Ingress and Egress, Lying 33 Feet on the Left of Northeasterly side and 50 Feet on the Right or Southwesterly side of a Line described as Commencing at the Southwest Corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 3 West; Thence South 01 Degrees 21 Minutes West (Along the West 1/8 Line) 17.25 Feet to the Southeasterly Right-of-Way of M-72 and M-93; Thence North 45 Degrees 45 Minutes East (along said Right-of-Way) 340 feet; Thence North 44 Degrees 21 Minutes East (Along said Right-of-Way) 105.3 Feet to the Point of Beginning; Thence South 50 Degrees 14 Minutes East 390.18 Feet to the Point of Ending.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 8, 2007

For more information, please call:
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File #099625F04

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bradley Varda, a married man and Samantha Varda, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A., Mortgagee, dated February 23, 2007, and recorded on February 27, 2007 in Liber 685 on Page 470, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Ninety-Three And 71/100 Dollars (\$66,093.71), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within

Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 12, 2007.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 8, Block 9, Hadley's Second Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 8, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joel Avalos and Lisa G. Avalos, husband and wife, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 26, 2006 and recorded July 5, 2006 in Liber 682, Page 230, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for Merrill Lynch Mortgage Investors Trust Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates Series 2006-OPT1 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Thirty-Six and 45/100 Dollars (\$137,036.45) including interest at 8.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on DECEMBER 12, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 158, Indian Glens of AuSable Unit Number 2, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 12, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: November 8, 2007

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Raymond L Denno, original mortgagor(s), to The CIT Group/Consumer Finance, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 22, 2000, and recorded on November 30, 2000 in Liber 523 on Page 450, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to HSBC Bank USA, as Trustee in Trust for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust, Inc., Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2003-HE3 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Seven And 23/100 Dollars (\$42,497.23), including interest at 9.38% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some

part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 12, 2007.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 1 and 2, Block 4, of O.M. Barnes Addition to the Village, (now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof Recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 05, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

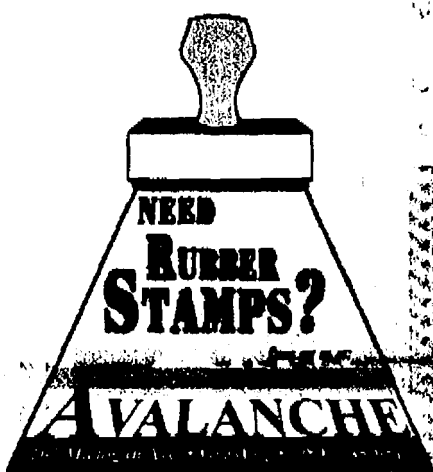
Dated: November 8, 2007

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT, CRAWFORD COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE
FILE NO. 07-7262-NC
In the matter of ANNESHIA LYNNE BRODY HARRIS.
TAKE NOTICE: A hearing is scheduled for January 9, 2008 @ 2:00 p.m. on a Petition to Change Name.

Date 11/6/07
Anneshia Lynne Brody Harris
902 Park St.
Grayling, MI 49738
Telephone 248-842-8101



ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS

If you have unpaid 2005 or prior years property taxes, Crawford County will be publishing the NAMES OF ALL INTERESTED PARTIES in the Crawford County Avalanche for 3 consecutive weeks beginning in December, 2007.

To avoid publication, 2005 taxes must be paid in full by Friday, November 30, 2007. **PAYMENTS MADE AFTER NOVEMBER 30, 2007 WILL NOT PREVENT PUBLICATION.** Also, an additional **\$75.00** fee will be added to any payment received after November 30, 2007.

Payments will be accepted by CASH, CERTIFIED CHECK, MONEY ORDER OR CREDIT CARD.

NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Office Hours
8:30 A.M. - Noon
1:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Joe Wakeley
Crawford County Treasurer
989-344-3204
989-344-3231

NOTICE

Beaver Creek Township is accepting bids for snow plowing for the 2007-2008 season.

Plowing to be done at the following locations:

1. Township Hall & Community Center to be plowed by 8:00 A.M. after snowfall of 3" or more.
2. Transfer Site on S. Grayling Rd. to be plowed prior to being opened at 8:00 A.M. on Saturdays, 1:00 P.M. on Sundays and 3:00 P.M. on Wednesdays. On occasion may need to be plowed during the week for trash hauler access.
3. Fire Station

Please submit sealed bids to Beaver Creek Township, in an envelope, clearly marked "Snow Plowing Bid", 8888 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling, MI 49738 on or before 2:00 P.M. Friday, November 30, 2007. Beaver Creek Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Please submit bids based on a "per plow" rate and a separate price for each of the three plowing locations per plow. Please contact Fire Chief at 989-275-8548 for plowing instructions for Fire Station and Transfer Site before submitting Bids. Proof of insurance required.
Lee Riley, Supervisor

SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP SEEKS "ZONING BOARD" APPLICANTS

SOUTH BRANCH TWP. IS SEEKING PERSONS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SERVE THEIR COMMUNITY AS A THREE-YEAR APPOINTEE TO THE SOUTH BRANCH TWP. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA).

INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS MUST BE RESIDENTS OF SOUTH BRANCH TWP., AND SUBMIT A COMPLETED APPLICATION ALONG WITH A RESUME OR LETTER OF INTEREST, BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH.

TO: SOUTH BRANCH TWP.
ZBA APPLICANT
P.O. BOX 606
ROSCOMMON, MI 48653

THIS APPOINTMENT WILL BE MADE AT THE DECEMBER 11TH BOARD MEETING AND TAKE EFFECT JANUARY 1ST 2008.

ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE TOWNSHIP DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS (9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON) @ 989-275-8232.

TOM KOZLOWSKI
SUPERVISOR, SOUTH BRANCH TWP.

FEATURES

A Look At Our Past FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



Nov. 22, 1984 - The Frederic Library pre-school story-hour had a Halloween party on Oct. 30, at the library. These children came in their "Tuesday Best" outfits. The children are: Nicholas Harmer, Brett Black, Bosco Perkins, James Sawade, April Debruyne, Robert Desmoines, Travis Hulbert, Bethany Black, Marc Hitsman and Marlin Weaver.

23 Years Ago
November 22, 1984

The Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test scores in the Crawford AuSable School District improved dramatically in all three grades measured. The 1984 scores improved in every area tested from 1983 scores, except in 7th grade reading, where scores already were exceptionally high and remained above state averages.

The Grayling girls basketball team notched an easy 17th victory, rolling over Houghton Lake

48-29, before a large Parents' Night crowd. Kris Laudenslager led the way with 18 points for the Vikings. Michelle Barber scored 14, Michelle Moore hit for 8, Heidi Derenzy 5 and Erin Jones 3.

The Grayling Buck Pole winners for opening day were: Tamara Pettit, Richard Filley, Tom Schans, Mark Rodgers, Charles Baker, Mark Peterson, Jerry Pratt, Harry Munnion III, David Niederer, Connie Helsel, Tom Crawford, Jackie Burpee, Pat Boracheck, Gary Cowie, George Anderson, Tony Vollmar,

Jerry Chase, Red "Marlin" Weaver Jr., Rick Reed and Helen Crawford. The first ten bucks received \$50 savings bonds and the second 10 bucks received \$10. The oldest hunter was Bill Lowes, age 57; youngest hunter was Jason Welser, age 14; first woman, Tamara Pettit; heaviest buck, Harry Munnion III; and first buck was Tamara Pettit, all receiving \$50 savings bonds.

46 Years Ago
November 23, 1961

Approximately 10 percent of the registered voters in Crawford County bothered to go to the pool on Monday in a Primary Election to select party candidates for a General Election on Dec. 11 for State Senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Senator Charles T. Prescott. The vote throughout the entire 28th Senatorial District was way down. The reasons given were that it was deer season, the fact that people were not given sufficient time to know the candidates and apathy on the part of the voters, due to the many elections called this year.

A pass, punt and kick contest was recently held for boys in fifth and sixth grade. The seven winners were Mike Case, Joe Thompson, Chauncey Carr, Dale Papendick, Allen Lowe, Alfred Feldhauser and Billy Williams.

Several members of the Hoot Owl Club and their guests spent the opening days of deer season at the club, but with no hunting luck so far. Larry McNamara, Bob Hayes, Burt McWilliams of Grayling, Frank McNamara and

Jack Woods of Gladwin, Fred Troutline of Flint, Wade Hendershot of Tecumseh, with Mickey McClain doing the cooking, were all there and appeared on the Mort Neff show last Thursday evening in a typical hunting camp scene.

69 Years Ago
November 24, 1938

The temperature this morning at 6 a.m. was 12 above. It looks as though we are in for cold weather from now on. We wonder whether it is the cold weather or the scarcity of bucks in the woods that has sent so many of the hunters home, leaving very few hunters around now.

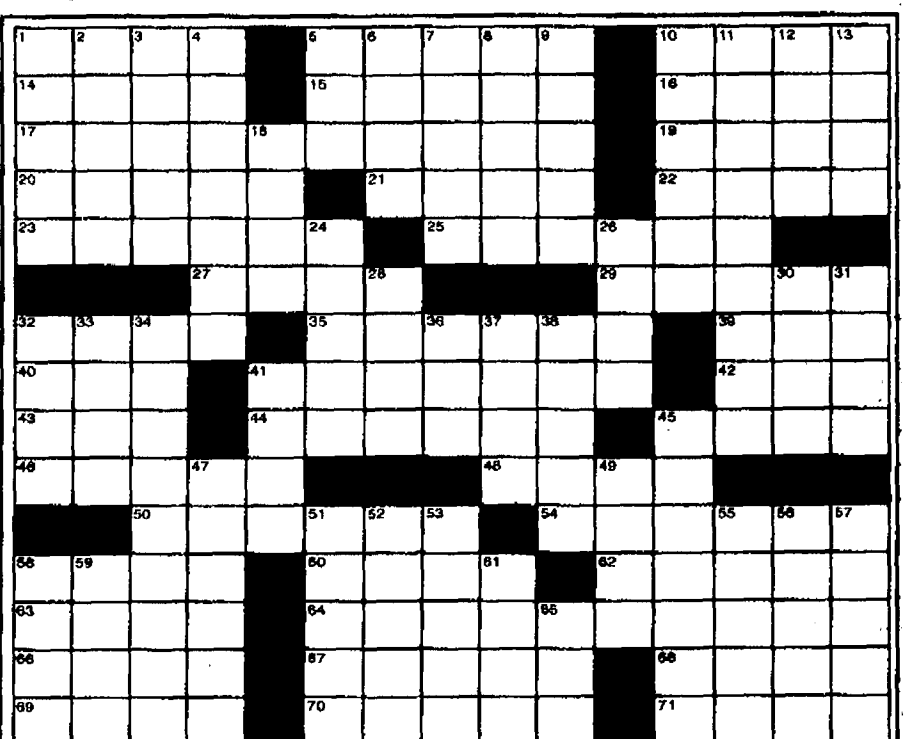
92 Years Ago
November 25, 1915

Miss Irene LaSprance of Bay City accepted a position in the Jay Thompson and Co. dry goods and clothing store of that city and commenced her duties Monday. She was formerly a clerk at the Grayling Mercantile Company store here in Grayling.

Earl Madsen returned home on Monday after three years spent traveling through the different states in the west. He is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Madsen.

A fire was discovered in the basement of the new school building Thursday night, which apparently originated from spontaneous combustion. It started in a pile of shavings, waste paint and rags. The fire was put out quickly and little damage was done.

CROSSWORD



Across

- Upper Indus Valley language group.
- Massive unstable meadows.
- Fraudulent business scheme.
- Acronym for Allowable Margin of Error.
- Mark to indicate a direction.
- One of two points of intersection of the earth's axis and the celestial sphere.
- 1959 Tony award-winning musical.
- South American wood sorrels.
- Japanese style of animation.
- Scythe handle.
- Fictional villain that appears in Superman II.
- Become entitled to again.
- Thick fatty oil, especially one used to lubricate machinery.
- Female serf.
- Smallest in degree.
- Actress - Armstrong.
- Opera singer Maria.
- In addition.
- French for "water."
- Popular Swedish card game.
- Native form of a metal.
- European freshwater fish of the Cyprinid family.
- Supply with air.
- Intense rages.
- Balk.
- Voiced velar nasal consonant symbols.
- Deceitful and unreliable scoundrel.
- Von __, the family in The Sound of Music.
- Vertical spar.
- Tony award-winning musical.
- Snarl.
- Of the number eight.
- Part-song for male voices.
- Dried and withered.
- Destroy completely.
- Untied birds.

Down

- Senegal capital.
- Class of compounds derived from ammonia by replacement of one or more hydrogen atoms with organic groups.
- The Riveter, cultural icon of WWII.
- Aquatic mammals related to shrews.
- Small, graceful birds allied to crows.
- Places of refuge.
- Long-armed anthropoid ape.
- Individual who takes notice.
- Large yellow root of a rutabaga plant used as food.
- Person's partner in marriage.
- Individual who helps create a work.
- Expression of sorrow.
- Flat-topped land formation.
- Small pond of standing water.
- Ornamental recess in a wall.
- In addition.
- Join so that the external surfaces blend smoothly.
- Painful.
- Digits of the foot of an animal.
- Brother.
- Freedom from difficulty.
- Someone who is dazlingly skilled in any field.
- Abbreviation for lowercase alphabet.
- Toward an end of development.
- Actor's rep.
- Award-winning musical based on Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats.
- Introduction.
- Works using irony to expose human follies.
- One-hundredth of a right angle.
- Rare Bermuda petrel.
- Betel palm.
- Plays with lots of rhythm.
- Friendly.
- Tops of birds' heads.
- Backwaters.
- Slang for periodicals.
- Dancer and actress - Miller.
- Long, narrow wooden strip.
- Bravo.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Cherry Spice Bars

1 jar (10 oz.) stemless maraschino cherries
1 package (18 1/4 oz.) spice cake mix
1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/4 cup water

2 eggs
Glaze:
1 cup confectioners' sugar
1 Tablespoon lemon juice
1 to 2 teaspoons milk

Drain cherries; discard juice or save for another use. Cut cherries in half. Combine dry cake mix, melted butter, brown sugar, water and eggs in large mixing bowl; mix with spoon or electric mixer until well combined and smooth. Stir in cherries. Spread batter into greased 13x9x2-inch baking pan. Bake in preheated 375° oven 20 to 25 minutes, or until top springs back when lightly touched. Let cool in pan on wire rack. For glaze, combine confectioners' sugar and lemon juice; add enough milk to make a thick glaze. Drizzle glaze over cake. Allow glaze to set. Cut into bars. Store up to one week in airtight container with sheets of waxed paper between each layer of bars.

Makes 2 Dozen Bars

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

BEANS	CELERY	PEAS
BROCCOLI	CORN	POTATOES
CABBAGE	KALE	SQUASH
CARROTS	LETTUCE	TOMATOES

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

W B E A N S A S P O
S R T Y U P E A S I
T O M A T O E S K T
O C O R N T Q E A R
R C A B B A G E L A
R O L E T T U C E S
A L D F J O K L M N
C I W W C E L E R Y
W S Q U A S H A V B
Z E T Y P O Y T R E

CONNECT the dots

HOROSCOPES

For the week of November 22, 2007

<p>Capricorn</p> <p>December 22 - January 19</p> <p>This week is all about appreciation. Be sure to thank all of those near and far who have helped you this year. One in particular needs to hear it.</p>	<p>Aries</p> <p>March 21 - April 19</p> <p>Ready to make your mark at work, Aries? This is the week you will do it. What your supervisor suggests you do next will surprise and delight you.</p>	<p>Cancer</p> <p>June 22 - July 22</p> <p>Sweet treats punctuate the week and provide a real pick-me-up. The grass is not greener on the other side, Cancer, but that is not easy to tell a friend.</p>	<p>Libra</p> <p>September 23 - October 22</p> <p>What a task master you have become. You rally together with friends and family to get a home improvement project completed before the big event. A health crisis is averted.</p>
<p>Scorpio</p> <p>November 20 - December 18</p> <p>Gratitude comes from an unlikely source. Don't question it. Aquarius. Accept it with no misgivings and move on. A financial source of agony is eliminated.</p>	<p>Taurus</p> <p>April 20 - May 20</p> <p>Practice makes perfect. Nowhere is that more evident than at home as a skill much improved brings you many accolades. Cheers to your hard work.</p>	<p>Leo</p> <p>July 23 - August 22</p> <p>Proof is in the pudding. Don't make accusations without looking at the facts of the case. Houseguests make the weekend extra special.</p>	<p>Sagittarius</p> <p>October 23 - November 21</p> <p>Confidence rises with each step closer to a goal, Scorpio. Helping hands are there to cheer you on. An heirloom comes home and is put where it belongs.</p>
<p>Pisces</p> <p>February 19 - March 20</p> <p>What a procrastinator you have become. You put off planning until the last minute and must move mountains to pull off an event. Fortunately, it works, and your party is a hit!</p>	<p>Gemini</p> <p>May 21 - June 21</p> <p>Crass remarks at a family get-together must be overlooked, Gemini, or controversy could ensue. Romance picks up, and business relationships take off.</p>	<p>Virgo</p> <p>August 23 - September 22</p> <p>Got your eye on the prize, Virgo? Keep it there this week, and success will be yours. An offhand remark clues you in to a situation brewing at work.</p>	<p>Aquarius</p> <p>November 22 - December 21</p> <p>This week gives you much to be thankful for. Make your gratitude loud and clear. A message provides all of the pieces to a puzzle.</p>

ADOPT A PET

Magee

Magee is about 9 months old and really sweet. This great mixed breed pup would make a nice family pet. He seems to do well with other dogs and is very affectionate.

Doeno

Doeno is a handsome shorthaired cat with a very nice orange and white coat. He has loads of personality and is friendly. This cat would be purrfect for pretty much anyone.

The AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is a participating member of the Very Best Pet Network.

AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is located at:
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling
Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds
Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday thru Saturday, 10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
For more pets or more information, visit our website www.assc.petfinder.com

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week			Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)						
Date	H	L	Precip.	Weather	Temp	Weather	Temp	Weather	Temp
11/13	50	23	0	High	37	Low	25	High	36
11/14	52	24	0	High	37	Low	25	High	36
11/15	53	32	0.05	High	37	Low	25	High	36
11/16	36	27	0	High	37	Low	25	High	36
11/17	36	27	0	High	37	Low	25	High	36
11/18	35	17	0	High	37	Low	25	High	36

Rain/Snow Showers, Few Snow Showers, Rain/Snow Showers, AM Clouds/Pm Sun, Mostly Cloudy

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Crawford County Avalanche

Classifieds must be paid for in advance.
Display Advertising Rate - \$8.00 per column inch
Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday
Classifieds by the word rate - \$6.00 for 15 words or less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:
www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com
Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

1. Real Estate

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

1. Real Estate

FIVE ACRES both sides river, both sides road. Three bedroom 2 bath ranch. Two possible bedroom plus family room, storage in walk-out basement. Pole building across road 989-348-8524. (11/08/2007tf/1)

1. Real Estate

14 X 70 MOBILE HOME on one plus acres. 8 miles west of Grayling. 989-348-2358. (-8-15-22-29/1)

THE CLASSIFIED - The perfect place to find that first house. (989) 348-6811

1. Real Estate

FOR SALE BY OWNER 2.65 acres, wooded land w/ electric and well. Many large red pines. Adjoining state land at end of private road. Very secluded, close to proposed theme park in Grayling. Excellent building site or hunting camp location. 989-329-3249. (-15-22-29-6/17)

1. Real Estate

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OPEN HOUSE

RE/MAX® of Grayling
REDUCED
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM
7 YEAR OLD CUSTOM LOG HOME with 1,344 sq. ft. 2 B/R, 1 Bath. Drive through pole barn and concrete drive. Close to AuSable River, trails and state land. Motivated Seller. Presented by Craig Hinkle, Remax of Grayling. CH-2610 \$135,900.

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2. For Rent

TWO BEDROOM apartment with garage, air conditioning, heat stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer & dryer. 989-348-8471. (10/4/07tf/2)

1. Real Estate

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Make this historical home part of your family's history. This home features much of the old woodwork, wooden staircase railings and decorative arches. Beautifully landscaped with over 100 rose bushes, waterfall with pond, and winding stone paths. A must see! \$119,900 #5945

Secluded "Up-North" get-away! Only \$44,900?? YES! It is unbelievably well maintained & updated! Roomy screened in porch & a large campfire pit great for hot dog Roasts! Access to: club house, heated pool, & AuSable River East Beach! Turn key, most furnishings will stay. \$44,900 #5870

Cozy home or cottage in a great location. Home features screened in porch, knotty pine interior, 2 car garage and is close to Fox Run Golf Course. Third bedroom currently used as den. Come make it your own. \$75,900 #5616

Great up north get away. Located just steps from Lake Margrethe. Home features 2 bedrooms and one bath with enclosed porch. Knotty pine interior with many recent updates to include natural gas service, heating, hot water tank and roof. \$89,900 #5742

Stunning log home shell. Sits on a gorgeous 1/2 acre lot. Buy now and finish later. Create your own dream get-away or full time home. The possibilities are endless. \$69,900 #5915

Great location! This home is only 4 years old and looks brand new. Home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, central air, open floor plan and a 2 car detached garage. \$85,000 #5795

Enjoy public access at Lake Margrethe from this 2 bedroom one bath log cabin located 2 blocks from the lake. Home features knotty pine interior, vaulted ceilings, ceramic tile and hardwood floors. Finished basement. \$99,900 #5743

2 acre parcel on the corner of Chase Bridge and Diamond. This 2 bedroom cabin is clean as a whistle and comes furnished...what you see is what you get. Large lot area with 4 beds for all the company. It even has a one car garage. \$57,500 #5751

Very nice and clean 3 bedroom, 2 bath home only 6 years old in the city of Grayling. Close to everything you need for comfortable city living. Fenced in back yard and a nice concrete driveway. \$5770 \$65,000

Three bedrooms, 2 baths, wood heat & forced air, new central air. Attached heated 26 x 32 garage with 12' roll-up door, mechanics lift & 2 drive thru 30 x 40 pole barns with cement floors. 8.75 acres. Room for everything!! \$137,500 #5830.

Cozy, energy efficient three bedroom, 1 and 1/2 bath home in friendly neighborhood! Full basement, large deck w/ seating in large fenced-in backyard. Oak cabinets in kitchen & brick gas fireplace in living room. \$75,000 #5913

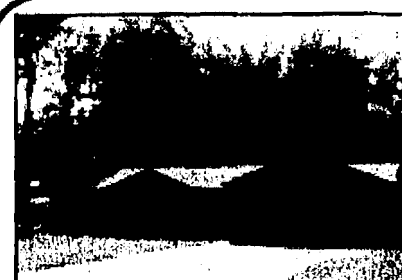
Stunning 50 ACRE parcel, within 5 miles from town. Heavily wooded with some open areas & adjacent to state land; ideal hunting retreat! The property has a very nice cabin & new 36 x 42 pole barn; outdoor lover's dream. \$235,000 #5889

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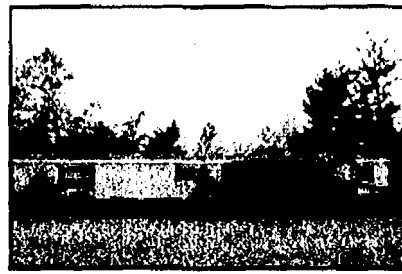
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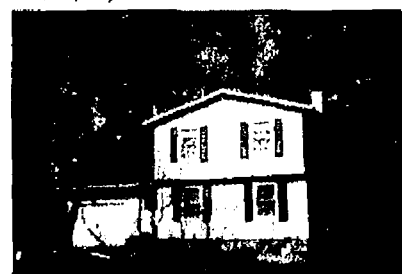
DISTINCTIVE ARCHITECTURE This ultimate cedar sided home offers all you want. 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, vaulted ceilings. Appliances include stove, refrigerator, built-in dishwasher, built-in microwave, washer and dryer. Gas fireplace with stone surround. Large cedar deck. Sprinkler system. Very nice subdivision off 4 Mile Rd. with mature trees on out-de-sac with nice homes on paved road. CS-2515 \$157,000



SECLUDED SETTING OFFERING 1 1/2 ACRES +/- WITH STATE LAND AT END OF ROAD (600 FEET AWAY). 3 bedrooms, 2 baths with central air. Open kitchen, dining and living area with vaulted ceilings. Stove, refrigerator & microwave to stay. Large covered front porch. Master bath offers garden tub with skylight & separate shower. Nicely landscaped. 24 x 30 pole barn and 8 x 12 shed. Association Dues \$150. CS-2457 \$54,900



COUNTRY LIVING CLOSE TO TOWN! 3 bedroom, 1 bath offers 1,056 sq.ft., new furnace, new septic and drain field, new vinyl siding, Anderson windows and roof. New roof on garage. Bath has new tub, sink & floor. Dining room has new tile floor. Immediate occupancy. CS-2468 \$49,900



AN ELEGANT APPROACH TO TRADITIONAL STYLE! Well maintained 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath home with basement. Newly remodeled kitchen with solid maple cabinets, lazy susan, and snack bar. Living Room offers wood stove with brick surround. New vinyl siding and roof 2005. Circle driveway. Very tastefully decorated. Large deck off dining room. Nicely landscaped. Stately trees on property. Very Nice - A MUST SEE. CS-2490 \$108,000

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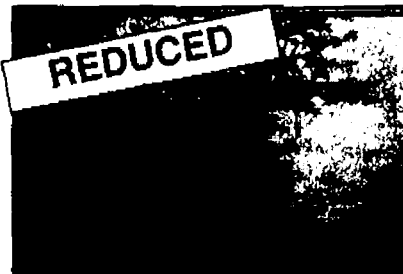
7.4 ACRES OF BEAUTIFUL HARDWOODS CLOSE TO SKYLINE. 1,357 s.f., three bedrooms, and 1 1/2 baths. Home features custom kitchen with quality cabinetry, heated sunroom, ceramic tile kitchen and dining room, and master bedroom with doorwall onto rear 12x12 deck. 30x24 garage, 10x33 work shop, sprinkling system, drywall hookup for camper, and 14x40 concrete approach. Ask about Express Path Financing. CH-2636 \$96,000



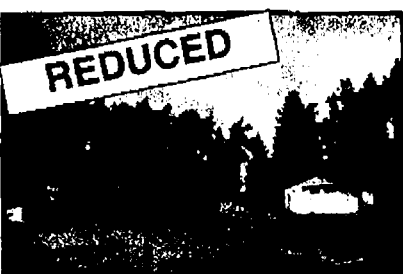
CLOSE ACCESS TO AUSABLE RIVER! Well maintained property on blacktop road. Large pine in front yard. 720 s.f., 2 bedrooms, and 1 bath. Knotty pine interior walls and woodstove in living room. CH-2581 \$49,900



ZONED R-2 IDEAL FOR HOME BUSINESS / OFFICE FRONTING MICHIGAN AVE. Spacious 2,082 s.f., 5 B/R, 2 bath, family home with full partially finished basement, spacious kitchen, formal dining room, and laundry on main level. 20 x 24 detached garage, enclosed front porch, large covered deck, and fenced yard. 80 x 120 adjacent lot with garage fronting Maple Street available for \$19,900. Home purchaser shall have first right to purchase. CH-2571 \$109,900



SECLUDED HUNTING CAMP ON 30 ACRES. Includes 1972 travel trailer and has state land on two sides (North and South). Easy access off expressway and close to Higgins Lake. 30 acres 990x1,320. Seller Motivated CH-2402 \$54,900



SECLUDED SETTING IN NICE LOCATION. 2 B/R, 1 bath mobile with block addition. 620 s.f. with partial block basement. Built over roof. 2 1/2 car detached garage with heater and electric door opener. Well has new point in 2002. New pressure tank. Lots of wildlife in area. Adjoining 3.5 acres available on south side at \$20,000 or home and acreage combined at \$62,500. CH-2585 \$44,000

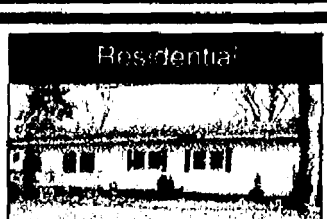
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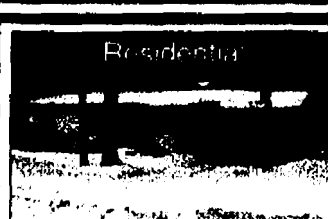
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New
 This mobile home is in excellent condition! Only about 1 mile from AuSable River-Fly only. Snowmobile trails just minutes away. 1 yr. Home Warranty Included. #253941 \$57,500



Residential
 Great home on Manistee Lake canal with 83' of frontage. Has seawall with power for your boat. Wonderful fenced-in yard, wrap-around deck, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, huge great room and cozy breakfast area. 2-car garage is divided in half for private work area. 800 acre Manistee Lake is all-sports, good fishing, plus great winter & summer sports area. #238026 \$164,000



Residential
 Fenced back yard, perennial gardens, nice neighborhood. Priced to Sell! You've got to take a look! #249401 \$79,900



Residential
 Single-wide mobile with breezeway attached to 2-car garage. Newer roof and new heating system in 2001. Great snowmobiling and trails for summer and winter fun. Access to all-sports Bear Lake just up the road. #246943 \$69,900



Residential
 Located in the city of Grayling. Recently remodeled 3 bedroom, 1 bath home with enclosed porch or sunroom. "Ready to move into". Fenced-in yard, covered porch and 2-tier deck. #247438 \$69,000

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1. Real Estate

OVER 175 FEET of AuSable River frontage and only 25 feet from the river. You can fly fish from the 750 square foot wrap around deck. Enjoy this 2175 square foot brick 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home located on the East Branch, located 1 mile north of Mercy Hospital. Features a full sized kitchen, living room, finished walkout basement, fireplace, hot tub, large cedar sauna and much more. The manicured lawn, watered from an underground sprinkler system, looks like a well maintained golf course and is located only a mile from town. Price has been reduced from \$239,500 down to \$219,500, a \$20,000 savings. If you buy my house, I would be willing to lease it from you for 2 years. If you want to drive by for a look, the address is 4875 Warner Drive. At this price, it won't last long. Let's talk. Call 989-348-2083 for showing by owner. (-1-8-15-22/1)

2. For Rent

MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT \$425 and up, some pet restrictions. Also, trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06tf/2)

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200, Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-4300, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007tf/2)

2-BEDROOM DUPLEX for rent. \$450 plus security. 989-348-5230. (-1-8-15-22/2)

FOR RENT UPPER DUPLEX 3 bedrooms, new bathroom. \$500 per month, \$500 security deposit, plus utilities. 989-348-2466. (10/25/07tf/2)

OFFICE SPACE 570 sq. ft. for lease in the Industrial Park. 989-348-6460. (9/27/07tf/2)

WAREHOUSE SPACE 1,200 sq. ft. for lease in the Industrial Park. 989-348-6460. (9/27/07tf/2)

TWO BEDROOM DUPLEX appliances, heat, garage \$650 a month. 989-390-0027. (10/18/07tf/2)

FOR RENT 1,400 sq. ft., 3 B/R, 2 bath with 150' frontage on the Manistee River. Includes 2 car garage, gas fireplace and is adjacent to state land. \$650/month + security + utilities. No smoking. Please call Craig Hinkle for application. 989-348-7440. (10/25/07tf/2)

CUTE TWO BEDROOM HOUSE, 1/2 mile from Bear Lake, \$475 a month, small pets welcome. Call 231-275-6887. (-22/2)

THREE BEDROOM ranch home, remodeled, like new. Natural gas, nice neighborhood, 1 1/2 bath, garage, nonsmoking. \$695. 1056 Little John Ave. 989-348-2178. (11/8/07tf/2)

2. For Rent

NICE CLEAN 2 BEDROOM mobile with garage, washer/dryer and appliances. \$450, no pets. 989-348-2418. (-1-8-15-22/2)

MOBILE HOME 2 bedroom \$395, new paint, carpet, windows, plus utilities. One room cabin #1 \$275, includes utilities. Wooded, no pets, 11006 mobile home/11010 N. Old US 27 cabins. Lost Acres. 877-227-6976. (11/1/07tf/2)

FOR RENT 2 BEDROOM apt, upper unit, immediate occupancy. \$455 per month plus heat, no animals. Please call 989-348-4006. (-8-15-22-29/2)

READY NOVEMBER 20, section 8 welcome. Pretty home, 3 br with family room, 2 baths, in city of Grayling. \$650 per month, 1st month plus \$650 security deposit, pet deposit. 989-390-4681. (-22-29/2)

3. Employment

DRIVER TRAINEES needed now. Drivers being hired and CDL trained for Werner Enterprises. \$800/week no experience needed 800-882-7364. (-8-15-22-29/3)

FULL AND PART TIME PARAMEDIC positions are available at Tri-Township EMS with flexible scheduling. Call 989-785-4841 for further info. (-15-22-29/3)

DISTRICT SALES MANAGER, USA Today, the nation's #1 newspaper, has an immediate entry-level opening for a District Sales Manager in Northern Michigan. Primary responsibilities include: Customer Service; Distribution Network Management; and Circulation Growth through Sales and Merchandising. This home-based position requires a computer-proficient person with excellent organizational and communication skills, a flexible work schedule, dependable transportation, and a safe driving record. A college degree and prior newspaper experience are preferred, but not necessary. Please mail a resume and cover letter with salary requirements to: USA TODAY, attn: Circ. HR, 49140 Wixom Tech Drive, Wixom, MI 48393. Qualified resumes will be short-listed, and only those candidates will receive a call back. (-22-29/3)

2. For Rent**Grayling Pines Apartments**

at 595 Meadows Drive in Grayling is currently accepting applications for beautiful 2 bedroom apartments. Rent starts at only \$605.00 a month. These apartments offer a patio, neutral decor, and spacious living areas. Free heat and free hot water. For a personal showing please call Peggy at (989) 344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777.

**3. Employment**

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4. Services Offered

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Public Notice

On behalf of the Northeast Michigan Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative (MPRI) Steering Team, Michigan Works! Region 7B Consortium is accepting proposals for Collaborative Case Management Services for MPRI participants, in the fourteen counties of Arenac, Alcona, Alpena, Clare, Cheboygan, Crawford, Gaylord, Gladwin, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Presque Isle, and Roscommon. The Request for Proposal (RFP) and Response Package (RP) are available on our Current Events and Documents page at www.mich-works4u.org. Interested parties may obtain the RFP and RP by downloading it from our web site or contacting Robert Caillier or Barb Hawkins at (989) 539-2173. Interested parties must submit the Intent to Bid form by November 30, 2007 and Proposals which are due by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, December 7, 2007 must be submitted utilizing the Consortium's RP. A bidder's conference will be held 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 26, 2007 at the West Branch Service Center, for directions call (989) 345-1090.

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BRITTANY PUP 6 weeks old, akc registered, 1st shots, male, \$300. 989-344-2803. (-15-22/5)

AKC SHIH TZU PUPPIES, great Christmas gift. Ready to go with first shots, 348-8492 or 390-2152. (-22/5)

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HOT TUB, landlord won't let me have it, \$300 OBO. Call Dan 989-745-3514. (-22/5)

5. For Sale

MAYTAG GEMINI double oven range, black, great condition, \$300 OBO; 2001 Ridgeway (by Weber) black, ebony Baby Grand piano, includes cover and bench, paid \$11,000, sell for \$4,000 OBO; 2005 4x4 400CC Bombardier Outlander Max, red 2 seater with plow, winch and Big Foot alum. tires, spare regular size tires. Only 50 miles, brand new, never been off road, \$7,000. 989-348-1831. (-22/5)

6. Wanted

WANTED-SCRAP VEHICLES top dollar paid. Pick up available. 888-471-3818. (3/3/05tf/6)

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WARREN FOREST PRODUCTS We buy standing timber and sell firewood by the loggers cord. Call 989-348-7133 during the day and leave a message. Evenings call 231-229-4845, ask for Chan. (LR12/27/07/6)

WOW GABBY'S is now paying \$200 for your junk vehicle. I pick up 231-258-5726 or 877-SCRAP-30. (-1-8-15-22/6)

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Emery Pines Community is located off of
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Receive up to \$400 off moving expenses with paid receipts

For further information or
to receive an application please call

1-800-399-1911



7. Miscellaneous

FREE KITTENS 2 black, 1 cream. Come with certificate for \$30 spay/neuter at Gaylord Veterinary, also free spayed mama cat. 989-344-2022. (-15-22/7)

BRACELET FOUND in Rite-Aid parking lot, to claim call 989-348-5141. (-22/7)

8. Announcements

MIP and anger management programs. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (10/11/07tf/8)

CONSIGN IN GRAYLING Resale shop will be offering appraisals by a certified appraiser on Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., a two item limit @ \$5 each. Any questions please call 989-390-4920. See you then. (-22-29/8)

SHAPE UP WITH CHAR Fall fitness classes for ladies. Take off the stress of the holidays. Call 348-6542. (LR12/20/07/8)

8. Announcements

CONSIGN IN GRAYLING shop holiday hours: Tuesday/Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Wednesday/Thursday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Closed 11-22-07, 11-23-07, 11-24-07. Weekly tag specials. (-22-29/8)

HELP WANTED HINTS When placing a Help Wanted Classified, remember to list the job title and duties involved, whether it is full or part time, the name of company or business, mailing address for resume, or street address for walk-in applications. Crawford County Avalanche, 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES for sale, available November 23, at Dollar General 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$3.50 per box. (-22/8)

8. Announcements

CHRISTMAS AUCTION. Nov., 22, 5 p.m. Perry Creek & M-33, Mio. Let's Talk Auction! 8 4 8 - 5 1 5 8 , www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-22/8)

10. Garage Sale

GARAGE SALE, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Furniture, TVs, lamps, books, Christmas stuff and clothes. 4571 Nel's Dr, Grayling. (-22/10)

11. Automotive

11. Automotive

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11. Automotive

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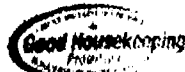
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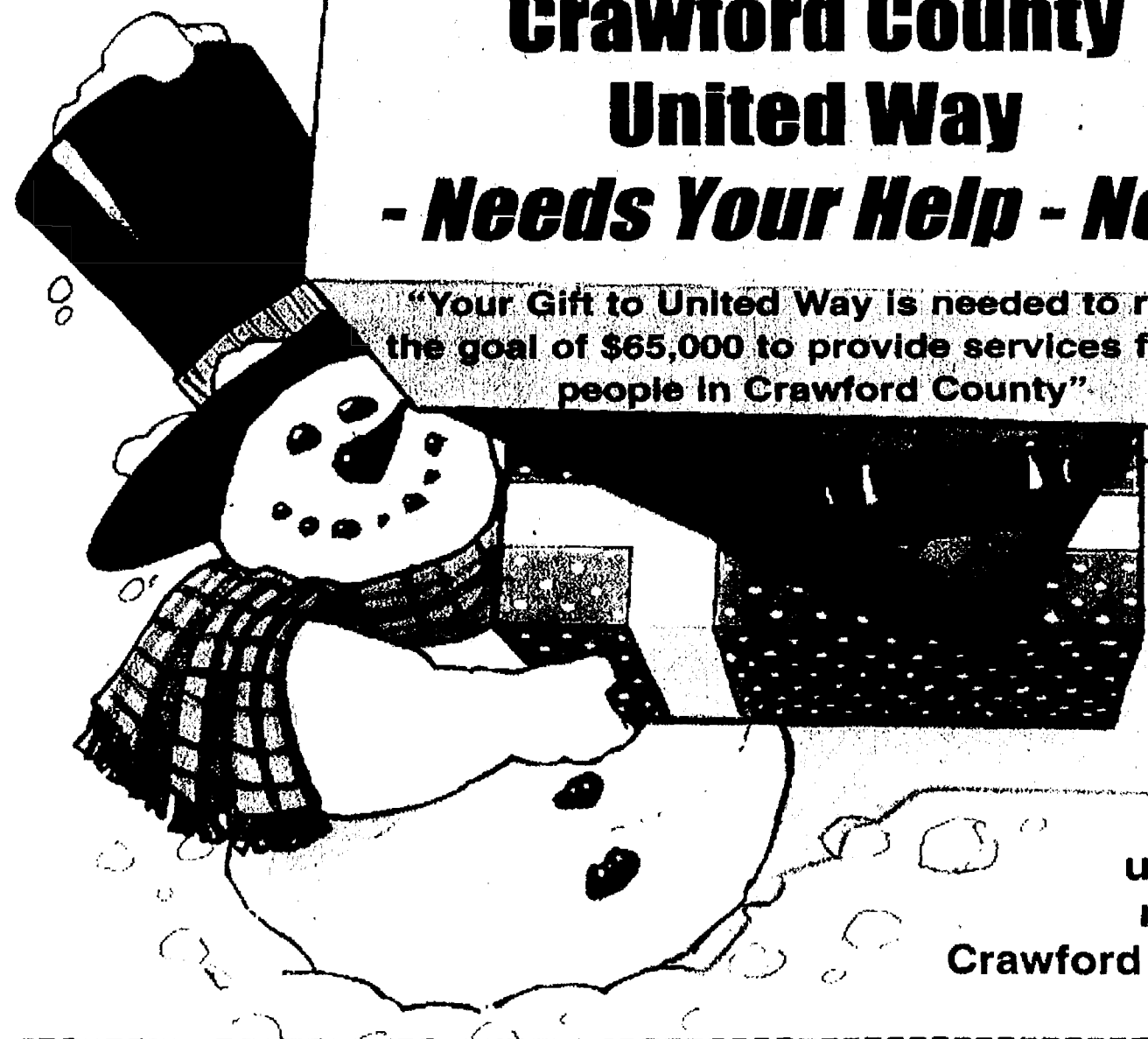
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